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# Working the LBD

The right accessories will transform your standard little black dress into a glam holiday get-up, like this floral purse/LBD combo rocked by Emma Stone PAGE 33



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## A WINTRY SCENE

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Sylvan Brisson navigates a snowy path north of Riley Park on Wednesday afternoon as winter weather returns to Calgary after a brief hiatus. A heavy snowfall warning was in effect Wednesday night. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

# Redford mum on sibling's spending

**Few words.** Premier did however say she cares an 'awful lot' for her sister

Premier Alison Redford says she won't comment on reports her sister billed taxpayers to attend social events for Redford's Progressive Conservative party.

Redford said there are independent investigative processes in place, and she will let them run their course.

"I cannot expect that Albertans would want me as the premier of the province to stand here at a podium and start defending my sister, or for that matter criticizing my sister," Redford told reporters in Red Deer Wednesday.

"That's why we have systems in place."

### New documents

- Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith said new documents suggest that Lynn Redford may have been a connected Tory insider used to help politicians and political favourites jump waiting lines for care.

She would not comment on family discussions relating to the allegations swirling around Alberta health executive Lynn Redford, except to say: "I care an awful lot about my sister and you can imagine if it was your sister there would probably be some pretty difficult moments."

The comments were Redford's first substantive remarks following Mon-

day's revelation from the opposition Wildrose party that Lynn Redford was reimbursed almost \$3,400 for travel, accommodations, tickets, liquor and bug spray at Tory events between 2005 and 2008 while she was a health executive in the former Calgary health region.

She also billed taxpayers for \$141 to sign up and attend the Alberta Liberal party general meeting in 2005.

All health regions were collapsed into one super-board in 2009, and Lynn Redford now works there as a senior executive in charge of special projects.

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Legislature news

## MLAs pull all-nighter over land-use bill

A debate over controversial land-use legislation turned into an all-night contest of wills between the governing PCs and the Opposition Wildrose party.

The two sides debated for 17 hours through Tuesday night and finished around lunchtime on Wednesday when a truce was called and the government moved the bill to third and final reading.

Less than an hour later, the politicians were back in the house for the regular 1:30 p.m. start of the day's business.

Government house leader Dave Hancock said both sides felt they had made their points.

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Police investigation

## Autopsy scheduled for two-year-old

Calgary police are investigating the death of a two-year-old boy on Wednesday.

Police and EMS were called to a home in Discovery Ridge in the southwest just after noon and found an unresponsive toddler.

EMS transported the child to Alberta Children's Hospital, where he was pronounced dead a short time later.

Police have not released any information about the circumstances surrounding the boy's death and will not comment on the case until an autopsy, to be conducted on Thursday, is complete.

It is standard procedure for the police to investigate undetermined deaths involving children.

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Traffic on Crowchild Trail southbound backs up on Wednesday afternoon as Environment Canada issued a heavy snowfall warning. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

# Road crews brace for a big dump of snow

**Winter returns.**  
Officials mulling second parking ban of the season

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A snowfall warning had city snow-removal crews and sanders mobilized as early as Tuesday evening in anticipation.

Getting motorists to work and home again in bad weather is the top priority for the City of Calgary Transportation department, spokesperson Jennifer Thompson-Goldberg said.

"We have been cleaning the streets so snow does not stick to the roads," she said. "We want to keep Calgary safe."

As of 6:28 p.m. on Wednesday, Environment Canada had issued a snowfall warning for the city of Calgary, with about 10 centimetres of the white stuff expected overnight.

Given the conditions, it's possible the city could be calling for the second temporary snow-route parking ban of the season.

The city has already called one parking ban this season, which saw about a 75 per cent compliance rate from Calgarians.

Thompson-Goldberg said it's important to make sure

Let's be careful out there

- Calgary Police recommend checking weather conditions before you leave home and giving yourself extra time when driving.
- Police also ask motorists to be sure their cars are cleared of snow before beginning any journey.
- Failing to remove snow from your vehicle before hitting the road could result in a \$115 ticket.

"We need to get the message out to everyone," she said.

Calgarians can sign up for automatic alerts or download the City of Calgary Road Conditions smartphone app to stay on top of parking-ban information.

If a weather alert is declared, a parking ban could remain in effect for up to 72 hours to ensure all feeder roads are cleared of built-up snow.

Road conditions around Southern Alberta were listed in fair condition on Wednesday evening, the AMA Road Report said.

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no one is left in the dark if a snow-route parking ban is called.

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# Retail racket: Black Friday extends north of the border

**Shopping mayhem.** Black Friday, the busiest shopping day in the United States, falls on Nov. 23 this year



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It will be a quick trip to Vegas, but one Calgary woman plans to strike it big.

Calgarian Cathy Sutherland-Brandt will be one of many Canadians heading south of the 49th parallel to score on Black Friday deals.

For the third year in a row, Sutherland-Brandt, along with several other family members, will head to the U.S. in search of stellar shopping.

"It's crazy. That's the only way to describe it," she said.

"We have Boxing Day up here, but it pales in comparison to Black Friday."

North of the border, Cross-Iron Mills spokesperson Neha Khare encourages Calgarians to be on the lookout for deals locally.

She said after lineups outside several American retailers last year during Black Friday, they decided to make an official event this year.

"We're doing a mall-wide Black Friday event," said Khare.

## Deals and mo' deals

- Cathy Sutherland-Brandt said fighting off Black Friday crowds in the U.S. is worth it because she can get 70 to 80 per cent of her Christmas shopping done, and the experience

is like nothing else.

- In order to stay competitive north of the border, it will be mandatory for stores at CrossIron Mills to be open early on Friday.

"Our stores are opening 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. — two hours early," University of Calgary mar-

keting professor Debi Andrus has noticed more Calgary retailers embracing Black Friday as

the deals become more outrageous in the U.S.

"I think we're more sensitive or more aware of the fact that the promotions in the States have become much more aggressive, and therefore we see more activity here in Calgary," she said. "I think there's always been an awareness of Black Friday but not to this extent."

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## Bringing a little Cowtown to the Big Smoke

From left: Troy Kokol, Karen Johnson, Dave Miller and Glenn Baker at Union Station in Toronto after arriving on a VIA train from Calgary for the 100th Grey Cup. The three men are members of High Steppin' Daddy, a local band serving as musical representatives of the Calgary Grey Cup Committee. Each year the committee — made up of loyal Stamps fans and devoted Calgary residents — travels to the Grey Cup to promote the City of Calgary, the Calgary Stampede and good ol' fashioned Western hospitality. ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## Root, root, root for the away team. Nenshi now going to Grey Cup

Mayor Naheed Nenshi will attend the Grey Cup in Toronto after all.

Nenshi initially said he wouldn't go to Sunday's game because he couldn't make it back to Calgary in time for budget deliberations on Monday.

But his staff confirmed Wednesday the mayor changed his mind and managed to arrange for a trip to cheer on the Stampede.

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**Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi**  
METRO FILE

## Toronto Zoo. Calgary Zoo accepts Grey Cup poop-scoop challenge

The two head honchos at the Calgary Zoo and Toronto Zoo will be crossing their fingers extra hard for a Grey Cup win for their hometown teams this weekend.

Toronto Zoo CEO John Tracogna issued a challenge to the Calgary Zoo's CEO Dr. Clement Lanthier Wednesday, placing a wager that if the Argos win, Lanthier would have to clean the penguin exhibit in a Toronto jersey.

Likewise, if the Stamps win,

Tracogna will don the red and white to scrub the giraffe enclosure in Toronto.

The response from Lanthier said in a video response, "I'm not the only one laughing at you as you can see," as he pointed to the penguins.

"They're thrilled because they know the Stamps are going to win the game."

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## A charitable cause. Redford, McGuinty wager over Grey Cup outcome

Sunday's Grey Cup final is becoming more political, as Alberta and Ontario's premiers have now announced a wager between the two provinces.

In honour of the 100th Grey Cup, Premier Alison Redford and Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty spoke Wednesday and set out the parameters of the bet.

Depending on the outcome of the game between the Calgary Stampede and the Toronto Argonauts, the premier

of the losing province will donate 100 warm clothing items to the charity of the winning premier's choice.

Redford has chosen to support a domestic-violence shelter in Alberta.

The premiers join Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi and Toronto's Mayor Rob Ford in Grey Cup wagers.

The two mayors have bet their weight in food items to be donated to the winning city's food bank. METRO



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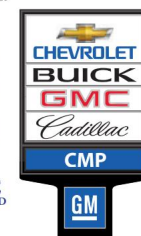
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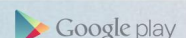
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Second-period action in the 31st annual match between the Townsend Tigers and the Calgary Flames at the Children's Hospital on Wednesday afternoon. The Tigers smoked the Flames 20-5. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

# Children's hospital team makes it 31 in a row over Flames alum

**Annual faceoff.** Flames team, with a depleted roster due to the NHL lockout, demolished by Townsend Tigers — final score: 20-5

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It may not have been on the ice, but at least the Calgary Flames' alumni and coaching staff saw a bit of hockey action on Wednesday afternoon.

Looking for their first win in 31 years, the Calgary Flames organization was once again edged out by the Townsend Tigers of the Alberta Children's Hospital, in the annual wheelchair hockey game.

"The game was the worst we have ever lost, by far," said

Craig Conroy, special assistant to the general manager of the Calgary Flames and former captain.

"The alumni are a little out of shape, and the coaching staff. We did not really look that good. They took it to us."

Because of the NHL lockout, this year's lineup did not include any members of the Calgary Flames player roster, but head coach Bob Hartley and alumni such as Conroy

## Deja vu

**"It was nice to wear the C again and put the jersey on and have some fun."**

Craig Conroy, former Flames captain

and Joel Otto did take part in the game.

"I jumped at the chance to be a part of this," said Conroy.

"It was nice to wear the 'C' again and put the jersey on and have some fun."

Although members of the Tigers did not get to play against some of their current Flames heroes, it was still an exciting experience for those who got to play in this classic match up.

"It was a good game, almost everybody scored a goal," said Kale Crisp, 8, proud captain of the Tigers.

## Cheap Tuesday dispute

### Class-action launched against Cineplex

A class-action lawsuit has been launched in Calgary against Cineplex for allegedly not honouring cheap Tuesday pricing.

The plaintiff, Matthew Starchuk, says he was charged full price to see *The Amazing Spider-Man* on July 3, even though it was a Tuesday and he read online that tickets that night were to be discounted.

He claims Cineplex's advertising did not note any restrictions for the discount.

Starchuk says an employee at the Cineplex theatre he attended told him the discount wasn't available because of the U.S. Fourth of July holiday.

The next day, Starchuk says another Cineplex employee told him contractual agreements prevented the company from discounting tickets on the holiday.

The law firm Docken and Company is encouraging any other filmgoers who paid full price on a Tuesday at a Cineplex theatre to join the class-action suit.

The statement of claim alleges Cineplex did not ensure its advertising was "truthful, complete, transparent, responsible and accessible to their customers and potential customers."

A spokeswoman for Cineplex said the company had no comment on the suit. But she did say Cineplex has no restrictions on its Tuesday discounting based on U.S. holidays.

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# Debate on sexual, gender minorities heated

## Alberta School Board general meeting.

Procedure ignored, with discussion shut down as emotions run high, some 'offensive' comments made

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Public-school trustees in Edmonton are disappointed a policy supporting sexual- and gender-minority students, staff and families was defeated at the Alberta School Board Association general meeting.

The policy, brought forward by the Edmonton Public School Board (EPSB), caused heated debate amongst school trustees from across the province on Monday.

The Debate was eventually cut short and Sarah Hoffman,

board chair for EPSB, who opened debate, was not given the opportunity to close the debate and respond to questions, which is customary.

"There were some things said during the debate that a number of people found offensive," Hoffman said.

"That's exactly why we are working so hard as a district to bring this policy to light."

Jacquie Hansen, president of the Alberta School Board Association, said the debate

was both heated and emotional.

"It was a terrific amount of passion in there for the protection of our kids in school," Hansen said.

"This really, really was a debate about how do we make sure all of our kids are safe at school."

EPSB trustee Heather MacKenzie published a blog post on Tuesday on the defeated motion, calling it a "disappointing day for Alberta

### Quoted

## "A disappointing day for Alberta schools."

EPSB trustee Heather MacKenzie in a blog post on the defeated motion for a policy supporting sexual- and gender-minority students.

schools."

"I was frustrated because there is clear evidence pointing in the direction that stand-

alone policies make a difference in the lives of staff and students who have sexual and gender minority identities," MacKenzie said Wednesday.

In March 2011, the EPSB became the first school board in the Prairies to approve the development of a stand-alone sexual orientation and gender identity policy.

Monday's vote means other school districts across the province are not required to adopt a similar policy.



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### Inverness Lane

## Suspect sought after incident near school

Calgary Police are looking for a man in connection with a suspicious incident that occurred Wednesday morning near a southeast school. The Caucasian man, described as being roughly 35 years old, is said to have motioned to a nine-year-old boy walking to school, in an attempt to get the student to approach his vehicle. The man was sitting in a white work van with tinted windows and red lettering on the side. The vehicle was parked on Inverness Lane by Inverness Road S.E. Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). **METRO**

### 52 Street S.E.

## Tires and vehicles burn in S.E. salvage lot

Up to 150 tires and several salvaged cars were damaged after a fire broke out at an automobile salvage business Wednesday afternoon.

Firefighters arrived at the scene of the blaze in the 3000 block of 52 Street S.E. shortly after 2:30 p.m.

The Calgary Fire Department Hazmat team was on the scene to monitor the burning tires and Alberta Environment was notified.

No injuries were reported and the cause is still under investigation. **METRO**

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## No clear motive. Court hears details of reserve shooting that killed boy, 5

Five-year-old Ethan Yellowbird was sleeping in his tiny fire-truck bed when three teens standing outside took turns shooting a rifle at his father's home.

One bullet ripped through the wall above the child's mattress, struck him in the head, then zinged through the house until it lodged in a tile on a bathroom wall.

No one will probably ever know which of the three youths fired the fatal shot on July 11, 2011, on the Samson Cree reserve in central Alberta.

Details of the shooting were provided for the first time in court on Wednesday, but there wasn't an explanation as to the motive for the attack, including whether the teens may have been targeting someone. RCMP have previously said the three had ties to gangs.

The teens — 13, 16 and 17 at the time — pleaded guilty earlier this month to manslaughter. They are to appear again in Wetaskiwin youth court for a sentencing hearing on Jan. 30.

Crown prosecutor Trent Wilson has indicated he plans to ask for the maximum youth sentence for the offence — two years in custody followed by one year of supervision.

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### Victim impact statement

- "I have an ache in my heart for my son that will never go away," said Ethan's mother, Ashley Charmaine Yellowbird, in her victim impact statement.
- Court heard the three teens had been hanging out that night at one of their homes and came up with a plan to shoot up the house.
- The oldest teen fired one shot above the house, then passed the gun to the other boys and walked away, court heard, and the other two each fired two shots.





An aerial shot of the North Pole shows the light of 1,854,237,899 Kobo Glos ready to be tucked under every tree on Christmas Eve.

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Holiday Happenings

All eyes were on the North Pole earlier this week when a mysterious light began emanating from the heart of Santa's Village. Speculation has mounted, leading to rumours about Santa's well being and a possible Alien invasion. Scientists have been baffled; astronomers were completely stumped.

But a well-timed message from Santa's Village HQ tells us not to fear. No Grinch or Martian has taken over Santa's workshop. The truth is actually quite magical. As the fate of Christmas 2012 seemed to lie in the balance, elves have been developing a magical eReader designed to light up the holiday season.

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# Alleged theft of 100,000 toys 'targeted': Sally Ann

**Salvation Army.** The charitable organization calls organized plot to steal toys over past two years 'troubling'

The Salvation Army believes 100,000 toys were stolen from its Toronto warehouse over the past two years in a "targeted," strategic plot to defraud the charity.

Police have been investigating the alleged theft, estimated to be worth about \$2 million, since late September, but have not made any arrests.

The news comes as the Salvation Army is preparing to start its annual Christmas Kettle Campaign, where volunteers solicit donations in high-traffic areas like shopping malls and on the street.

About 140,000 toys are distributed to families in need each holiday season from the Toronto warehouse, but spokesman John Murray said at a news conference Wednesday that no one will go without.

"I can assure you that anyone in need this Christmas will be helped by the Salvation

Army," he said.

"To those Canadians who routinely and generously give to the Salvation Army I would appeal to you this afternoon to not lose confidence in the work of the Salvation Army and the work that we do on your behalf in Canadian cities."

A whistleblower within the organization tipped the Salvation Army off a few months ago and internal auditors made the "troubling" discovery, Murray said.

Executive director David Rennie was then fired. No criminal charges have been laid.

Meanwhile, the executive director at the Salvation Army in Ottawa has been fired after auditors discovered \$250,000 has gone missing. Perry Rowe had been with the charity's Booth Centre for eight years.

Police have not yet determined what happened to the toys at the Toronto warehouse. Murray said the Salvation Army believes no other locations have been hit with alleged thefts.

"This is an isolated situation," he said. "We believe that it's been very specific. It's been targeted. It's been very strategic in the way that it was put



Maj. John Murray of the Salvation Army attends a news conference at the Railside Road food and toy distribution centre in Toronto on Wednesday after discussing the alleged theft of several million dollars worth of items. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

together. It was thought out." The warehouse has video surveillance and security systems, but the Salvation Army has retained KPMG to do an audit to determine what other checks and balances can be put in place.

The security system is good, so the alleged theft signals that when there is a will, there is a way, Murray said.

"If an individual wants to defraud an organization there are ways and means to do that," he said.

The hearts of people at the Salvation Army go out to whoever committed the alleged theft, but if people have problems in their lives they should instead come to the organization for help, Murray said.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Insurance. Are higher premiums for drivers 80+ fair?

Whether an insurance company can charge more for drivers over the age of 80 is the subject of a two-day human-rights hearing slated to start Thursday in a case that could affect thousands of Ontario seniors.

In his complaint, Denis Olorenshaw argues that setting higher premiums for drivers based on their plus-80 status amounts to age discrimination that can't be justified.

"They don't have the legal basis ... for increasing a premium for an 80-year-old driver," Olorenshaw said in an interview Wednesday. "It's serious business."

Olorenshaw, 92, of Toronto, launched his complaint after he began shopping around for auto insurance in 2009.

Both he and his daughter had identical Toyotas purchased at the same time and lived in the same condominium. However, his daughter, then aged 62, was given a lower quote from the brokerage company Atrons-Counsel on behalf of Western Assurance.

"There was a \$250 difference in the premiums," Olorenshaw said. "I didn't buy it."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Tensions rise between feds, First Nations over bill



Aboriginal Affairs Minister John Duncan, right, and Phyllis Sutherland of the Peguis First Nation in Manitoba on Wednesday. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The federal Conservatives are pushing through more First Nations legislation that does not have the support of chiefs, despite growing tension between Ottawa and native leaders.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister John Duncan said Wednesday his party is forcing a vote to shut down debate on a financial transparency bill that will require First Nations chiefs and

councillors to publish their salaries and expenses.

The move means the bill will pass the House of Commons by the end of this week — over the objections of chiefs as well as the federal NDP and Liberals. Various forms of the bill have been around for three years, stalled by electoral cycles and opposition from the Assembly of First Nations.

"It's unfortunate that we have to take this measure," Duncan told a news conference. "Continued obstruction by the NDP and Liberals has made it clear that this is the only way this important bill will be passed."

Duncan said that while the chiefs' organization may not support the legislation, it is in keeping with resolutions

passed by the AFN and is widely favoured by grassroots First Nations.

But it's only one of several pieces of legislation that the Conservatives have pushed aggressively through the Commons over the objections of the AFN, leading to deterioration in the relationship between Conservative and First Nations leaders. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Budget watchdog takes Tories to court

**Matter of jurisdiction.** Budget officer taking on creators of his job over withheld figures

Canada's budget watchdog is taking the Harper government to court over its refusal to turn over information about austerity measures.

Parliamentary budget officer Kevin Page on Wednesday filed a reference application with the Federal Court seeking a judgment affirming he has the jurisdiction to search for the information.

In a covering letter signed by Ottawa constitutional lawyer Joseph Magnet and Tolga Yalkin of the PBO, Page cites the "urgency" of resolving the

## Obstruction?

**"They've done everything to shut down Kevin Page since he started in that job."**

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair on the Conservative government



Parliamentary budget officer Kevin Page has filed an application with the Federal Court to ensure he can get access to information. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

issue quickly and proposes numerous dates for the hearing from Nov. 29 to Jan. 11.

The budget officer has complained for months that government departments have not been forthcoming with his requests on budget cuts, staff reductions and impacts on services.

In response, the government said Page is overreaching and that his mandate is to examine government spending, not government restraint.

Opposition leaders said Page had no choice but to go to court to perform his duty and accused the Conservatives

of carrying out a vendetta against the budget officer, a position they created.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said the government only wants Page to follow his mandate, which he described as reporting to MPs on the budget process and spending measures.

That's a "juvenile" argument, responded interim Liberal Leader Bob Rae.

"I think it's terrible the way they are forcing an officer of Parliament to go to court to do a job which everybody recognizes he has to do," he said.

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## Charity. Patrick Stewart, Morgan Freeman want you to wait for the beep

Imagine having William Shatner supply your outgoing-voice-mail message. Or maybe you'd prefer Morgan Freeman coolly telling callers to wait for the beep. Or perhaps having Betty White joke around is more your speed.

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The advocacy group Autism Speaks is offering custom-recorded messages from those celebrities, as well as Will Ferrell, Carrie Fisher, Tom Hanks, Derek Jeter, Leonard Nimoy, Patrick Stewart and Ed Asner.

From Dec. 3 to 9, a limited number of 20-second-long MP3 messages will be recorded by each celebrity on a first-come, first-served basis for fans to do with as they wish. All requests must be of the PG variety.

Asner, the curmudgeonly Emmy Award-winner of The Mary Tyler Moore Show and Lou Grant, dreamed up the fundraiser with his son Matt, who works for Autism Speaks.

"I think people will get a charge out of it," says Asner. "I'll probably say, 'What are you wearing?' Or, 'Take it off.' Something like that."



Morgan Freeman GETTY IMAGES

All proceeds will support autism research and advocacy efforts. An estimated one-in-88 children in the U.S. is on the autism spectrum, a developmental disorder characterized by communication difficulties, social and behavioural challenges, as well as repetitive behaviours.

If he could get a message from one of the other stars participating, which would Asner want?

"I'm awfully stuck on Will Ferrell, having been subjected to him in Elf," Asner says. "But they're all such stand-outs. ... Even Betty White," he adds about his MTM co-star. "She's still got some good left in her." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Spills and skills

### Liberal critic calls Tories lackeys for Big Oil, resigns

Ottawa MP David McGuinty abruptly resigned as the Liberal party's natural-resources critic Wednesday after suggesting Conservative MPs from Alberta are shills for the oil industry and should go home.

His statements came just days before a by-election in Calgary, where the Liberals have high hopes for an upset. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Online privacy

### Facebook mulls an end to brush with democracy

Facebook is proposing to end its practice of letting users vote on changes to its privacy policies.

The company said Wednesday that its voting mechanism, which triggers only if enough people comment on proposed changes, has become a system that emphasizes quantity of responses over quality of discussion.

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# Superstorm victims come together for Thanksgiving

**Silver lining.** Struggling residents welcome an outpouring of food and cash donations

The things that Marge Gatti once cherished are lying on what's left of her deck, spattered in mud, like a yard sale gone awry.

The stuff is ruined, just like her sodden Staten Island home, which was ravaged by Superstorm Sandy's floodwaters and will be demolished in the com-

ing weeks. Of all things material, Gatti has nothing.

And yet, on Thanksgiving Day, she will be counting her blessings.

"My sons are alive. They were trapped here," said Gatti, 67, who lived in a beige home down the block from the Atlantic Ocean for 32 years. "I'm thankful that I have all my family. And that my friends are still here, you know? We're all friends now. There's no strangers in life anymore."

It will be a subdued Thanksgiving for families hit hard by the storm as

**Mother**

**"We won't be sitting at a dining room table. We'll be eating off of paper plates ... but at least we'll be together."**

Linda Marten of New York City

they gather with friends and strangers alike, seeking to celebrate the people and things that were spared when so much was lost. But they will not be left to fend

for themselves.

Restaurants are donating meals, strangers and churches are opening their doors, and people from across the nation have sent an outpouring of donations for those unable to roast their own turkey.

New York City and Macy's have set aside 5,000 bleacher seats along the Thanksgiving Day Parade route for families affected by Superstorm Sandy. Occupy Sandy, the storm-relief offshoot of the Occupy Wall Street movement, will host a Thanksgiving dinner in lower Manhattan. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



People wait in line early Wednesday in Toms River, N.J., for volunteers to hand out prepared Thanksgiving dinners donated by Lowe's and Boston Market in communities most affected by Superstorm Sandy. Gov. Chris Christie and his wife Mary Pat Christie joined volunteers to pack and hand out about 500 pre-made meals in Toms River. MEL EVANS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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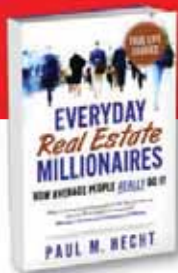
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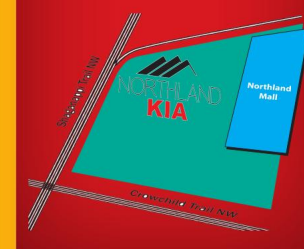


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U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., seen addressing the Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colo. on Aug. 25, 2008, cites health issues for his departure from Congress and says he hopes he is remembered on the balance of his work.

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# Once-promising political career ends with resignation

**U.S. Congress.**  
Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. cites health issues amid treatment for bipolar disorder, federal ethics investigation

U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., a once-rising political star who has been on a months-long mysterious medical leave for bipolar disorder while facing separate federal investigations, resigned from Congress Wednesday, citing his health problems.

Jackson's resignation, just two weeks after voters re-elected him to a ninth full term, comes amid a House Ethics

Committee investigation into his dealings with imprisoned ex-Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich and reports of a new federal probe into possible misuse of campaign money.

In his resignation letter to House Speaker John Boehner, Jackson admits his "share of mistakes" and, for the first time, publicly acknowledges that he is the subject of an ongoing federal investigation.

"I am aware of the ongoing federal investigation into my activities, and I am doing my best to address the situation responsibly, co-operate with the investigators, accept responsibility for my mistakes," he wrote.

Jackson added: "They are my mistakes and mine alone."

Jackson, 47, disappeared in

June, and it was later revealed that he was being treated at the Mayo Clinic for bipolar disorder and gastrointestinal issues. He returned to his Washington home in September but went back to the clinic the next month, with his father, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, saying his son had not yet "regained his balance."

Attempts by The Associated Press to locate Jackson were unsuccessful Wednesday, and family members either declined to comment or could not be reached.

Jackson took office in 1995 after winning a special election. Voters in the district have said Jackson's family name and attention to local issues have been the reasons for their support. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Persian Gulf

### Repairs delay U.S. carrier

The U.S. navy says it will temporarily shrink its aircraft-carrier presence in the Persian Gulf area from two to one this winter because of a mechanical problem with the USS Nimitz.

Officials said Wednesday the Nimitz, which had been scheduled to deploy to the region in January to relieve the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, will put off its journey until the summer in order to complete repairs to its propulsion system.

The Eisenhower will come home in December and go back to the Gulf area in February. That means that in December and January the USS John C. Stennis will be the only carrier in that area. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## U.S. Drought worsens after brief improvement: Report

The worst U.S. drought in decades has deepened again after more than a month of encouraging reports of slowly improving conditions, a drought-tracking consortium said Wednesday, as scientists struggled for an explanation other than a simple lack of rain.

While more than half of the continental U.S. has been in a drought since summer, rain storms had appeared to be easing the situation week by week since late September. But that promising run ended with Wednesday's weekly U.S. Drought Monitor report, which showed increases in the portion of the country in drought and the severity of it.

The report showed that 60.1 per cent of the lower 48 states were in some form of drought as of Tuesday, up from 58.8 per

### Wheat worries

- After a summer in which farmers watched helplessly as their corn dried up in the heat and their soybeans became stunted, many are now worrying about their winter wheat. It has come up at a rate on par with non-drought years, but the quality of the crop doesn't look good, according to officials.

cent the previous week. The amount of land in extreme or exceptional drought — the two worst classifications — increased from 18.3 per cent to 19.04 per cent.

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# It's a Gaza deal ... after 1,500 air strikes and 1,500 rocket attacks

**The question.** Can two bitter foes, Israel and Hamas, make the ceasefire hold?

Will it last?

That was the question being asked in Israel and Gaza on Wednesday as a ceasefire was forged after an incredible two days of intense shuttle diplomacy.

"I just hope they commit to peace," said Abdel-Nasser al-Tom, from northern Gaza.

Despite the fears, joy broke out like an explosion.

Cheering Gazans emerged from their homes after a week, flooding the streets in wild celebration.

Gunmen fired in the air, and chants of "God is great" echoed from mosque loudspeakers.

Residents hugged and kissed in celebration, while others distributed candy and waved Hamas flags.

Israel and the Hamas

## Morsi's moment

The ceasefire deal marks a startling trajectory for the mediator — Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi.

- **New role.** The man who refused to talk to the Israelis or even say the country's name finally turned himself into Israel's protector.

militant group agreed to the ceasefire Wednesday after eight days of the fiercest fighting in nearly four years.

They promised to halt air strikes and rocket attacks that have killed scores and to ease an Israeli blockade constricting the Gaza Strip.

The truce will "improve conditions for the people of Gaza and provide security for the people of Israel," U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said in Cairo.

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In this image taken from Egyptian state television, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton shakes hands with Egypt's foreign minister, Mohammed Kamel Amr, in Cairo after a ceasefire was announced between Israel and Hamas. Clinton shuttled across the region to help end the fighting. EGYPTIAN STATE TELEVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Baird speaks out

### Hamas and Israel? It's not complex

There has been nothing complicated about the conflict between Israel

and Hamas, says Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird.

"It's not a complex issue," he

said as a ceasefire was declared.

"You have a terrorist group launching rockets against Israel."

But the broader question of Mideast peace is far more complicated, he stressed, adding he's "cautiously optimistic" about the ceasefire.

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# It's whitewash: NDP's tirade over F-35 report

**Accusations fly.** Input from parliamentarians curbed, only seven hours of testimony ... one New Democrat calls it a mockery

Thomas Mulcair's New Democrats have accused the Conservatives of using a Commons committee to whitewash the auditor general's scathing indictment of the government's mammoth F-35 jet fighter purchase.

The NDP levelled the charge in a dissenting opinion to the public accounts committee's report, tabled Wednesday.

"The NDP remains deeply concerned that this study did not allow parliamentarians to shed light and complete the



NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair in action in the Commons on Wednesday. His party has blasted the Tories over the F-35.  
FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

inquiry on this very important matter," says the three-page dissenting opinion.

"Only seven hours of testimony were dedicated to this study, and no responsible ministers appeared during the inquiry."

The committee was responding to the April auditor general's report that blasted the government for a \$10-billion cost overrun over the F-

35s. The F-35 is designed to replace the country's aging fleet of CF-18 jet fighters.

In its 29-page report, the majority Conservative committee offered six recommendations to deal with issues surrounding the cost of the project raised by auditor general Michael Ferguson.

Ferguson criticized National Defence for failing to come clean on potential problems with buying the F-35. The government has disputed the auditor's calculations.

New Democrat committee member Malcolm Allen said Wednesday's report amounted to a mockery of Ferguson's audit.

"What they've done is: you've got a whitewashed version of the auditor general's F-35 report," Allen said in an interview. "I can't put it any plainer than that."

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## Web war. Israel fighting via Twitter, Facebook

Israel is using social media to pre-empt a publicity pounding over its Gaza offensive.

It's furiously tweeting and posting, Facebook updates from a "media bunker."

The instant they heard about a bus bombing in Tel Aviv on Wednesday, scores of tech-savvy youth in Israel's media command centre in Jerusalem sprang into action.

They began flooding social media with updates and created a graphic exclaiming:

"We didn't send in our ground troops, but they sent in theirs!"

Hundreds of volunteers have produced and posted videos and graphics from Israel's point of view.

"They used to say the Elders of Zion controlled the media. Well, here are the youngsters of Zion who are running it," said Daniel Seaman, a chief at the Ministry of Public Diplomacy.

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Israel fought back via social media after this bus was bombed in Tel Aviv Wednesday. Twenty-seven people were hurt. ODED BALILTY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Top leader steps in

## Ahmadinejad grilling blocked

Iran's supreme leader has stopped the country's parliament from grilling the president over the nation's plummeting currency and economic crisis, the official IRNA news agency reports.

Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei told parliament to drop its plan to grill President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, saying it would benefit Iran's enemies.

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### Sex-scandal fallout

## Back at work ... under a cloud

Gen. John Allen, caught up in the David Petraeus sex scandal, has returned to Kabul to resume his duties as the top U.S. and NATO commander.

The Pentagon is investigating potentially "inappropriate" correspondence between Allen and a woman linked to the former CIA chief. Petraeus resigned after admitting an extramarital affair.

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# Last gunman from Mumbai attacks executed in secrecy

**26-11.** Hanging sparks celebrations for some while offering others hollow closure

India executed the lone surviving gunman from the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks early Wednesday, four years after Pakistani gunmen blazed through India's financial capital, killing 166 people over three days and throwing relations between the nuclear-armed neighbours into a tail-spin.

Mohammed Ajmal Kasab, a Pakistani citizen, was hung in secrecy at a jail in Pune, a city near Mumbai, after Indian President Pranab Mukherjee rejected his plea for clemency.

News of the execution was widely cheered in India, with political parties organizing public celebrations and some people setting off firecrack-



An activist sets a poster of Mohammed Ajmal Kasab ablaze. RAFIG MAGBOOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ers. But for those more deeply touched by the events of 26-11, as the attack is known in India, the hanging offered only a partial catharsis.

"This is an incomplete justice as the masterminds and main handlers of 26-11 are still absconding," said Kavita Karkare, the widow of Hemant Karkare, the chief of Mumbai's anti-terrorism squad who was killed while pursuing Kasab. "They should also be hanged."

Indian officials accuse Pak-

istan's intelligence agency of working with the militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba to plan the attack — an allegation Islamabad denies.

India and Pakistan, which have fought three wars since they were carved out of British India in 1947, suspended peace talks after the Mumbai attack.

Since 2011, the two countries have rekindled the peace talks, but New Delhi's frustration with Pakistan's failure to bring those responsible for the attack to justice has complicated those efforts.

The attacks were also a major embarrassment for India's security establishment, which failed to stop a small group of gunmen who entered Mumbai on a dinghy from running roughshod over the police and elite security forces for three days.

Some in India felt Kasab should have been hanged publicly. Others complained that



Members of the Bharatiya Janata Party dance in Mumbai on Wednesday as they celebrate the news of Mohammed Ajmal Kasab's execution. RAFIG MAGBOOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Recounting the carnage

Kasab was one of nine gunmen who entered Mumbai on Nov. 26, 2008, killing 166.

- **The attack.** Armed with phones, grenades and automatic weapons the gunmen fanned out across the city targeting luxury hotels, a Jewish centre, a restaurant and a crowded train station.

- **Infamous gunman.** A photo of Kasab striding through Mumbai's train station with rifle in hand became an iconic image of the siege.
- **Brought to justice.** An Indian judge sentenced Kasab to death in May 2010 for war against India, murder, terrorism and other charges.

the government had spent too much money on the care and feeding of a vilified criminal and said that for justice to be done, the attack's masterminds — not just their foot soldier — must be punished.

Mukesh Agarwal, who was shot in his right arm during the attack, called Kasab's execution "the best possible gift" from the Indian government. But he said "instead of secretly hanging him, the government should have hanged him publicly." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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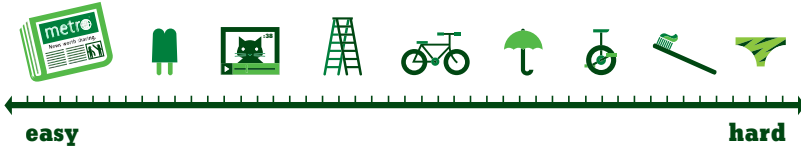
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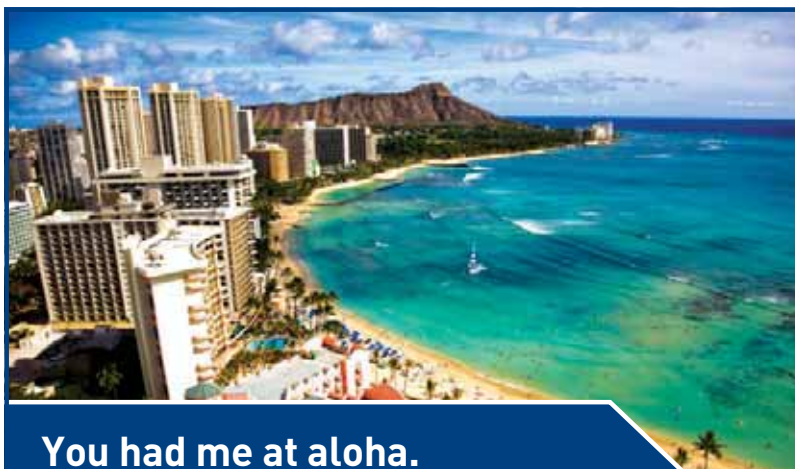


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Congo policemen, foreground, and civilians gather during a M23 rally in Goma, Congo, Wednesday. The rebel group seized the strategic provincial capital of Goma on Tuesday, home to more than one million people. MELANIE GOUBV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## M23 rebels vow to take all Congo as troops defect

### Gaining ground.

Soldiers, police switch sides in conflict, as UN accuses rebel group of executions, rape and recruiting child soldiers

The M23 rebels pressed ahead with their seizure of territory and towns in eastern Congo on Wednesday and said they intended to topple the government of President Joseph Kabila.

The rebels took control of the eastern Congo town of Sake in a bid to move toward the provincial capital of Bukavu.

"Kabila has to go. We want our country back," said M23 Col. Vianney Kazarama, to cheers from thousands gathered at the stadium in Goma, which was seized by the rebels on Tuesday. "We are now going to Kinshasa. No one will divide this country."

Nearly 3,000 Congolese army soldiers and police defected to the rebels in Goma on Wednesday and turned in their weapons at the stadium rally.



A Congo policeman hands in his weapon to M23 rebels during an M23 rally in Goma on Wednesday. MELANIE GOUBV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Even as the rebels consolidated their gains, the presidents of Congo, Rwanda and Uganda called on them to give up the territory they now control.

The M23 is made up of hundreds of officers who deserted the Congo army in April this year. Neighbouring Rwanda has supplied trained soldiers and weapons, according to a report by United Nations experts.

The speed with which the M23 has seized Goma and the surrounding countryside, rich in minerals, exposes the weakness of President Joseph Kabila's government, say experts.

Strewn with bodies, burned-out vehicles and abandoned tanks, the road between Goma and Sake showed evidence of Tuesday's fighting.

M23 soldiers in vehicles patrolled the streets of Sake, 27 kilometres south of Goma. As in Goma, most residents accepted the rebels' presence.

"We only want peace," said Innocent Rumabo, in Sake.

Other residents complained of rapes carried out Tuesday night. "I know two women who were raped (and) there are more in the area," said one Goma resident who insisted on anonymity for fear of retaliation.

A UN spokesman in New York said the nearly 1,500 UN peacekeepers in Goma held their fire to avoid triggering a battle. The peacekeepers "cannot substitute for the efforts of national forces" in Congo, said spokesman Eduardo del Buoy.

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Report

## Rwanda behind M23 rebels: UN

The Rwandan military is commanding and supporting the rebel force that overtook the towns of Sake and Goma in the Congo this week, according to a United Nations report released Wednesday.

The report says, "The government of Rwanda continues to violate the arms embargo by providing direct military support to the M23 rebels, facilitating recruitment, encouraging and facilitating desertions from the armed forces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and providing arms, ammunition, intelligence and political advice."

The report also accuses Uganda of involvement. Uganda has said it would pull its troops out of UN peacekeeping operations if it was named in the report.

Both Rwanda and Uganda have denied supporting the M23 rebel movement.

The UN accuses the M23 of crimes including recruiting child soldiers, summary executions and rape.

On Wednesday, the UN's special representative for Congo said the 19,000-strong UN peacekeeping force there is being stretched thin by multiple rebel militias.

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Emergency talks

In neighbouring Uganda, the presidents of Uganda, Rwanda and Congo resolved to put pressure on the M23 rebels to give up territory they have captured, according to a statement released at the end of the emergency talks.

each government "must bear the burden" of its own internal problems, according to a diplomat close to the talks, who insisted on anonymity because he was not authorized to speak about the emergency summit.

- Congo's President Joseph Kabila said he was willing to negotiate directly with the M23 rebels, a reversal from his previous refusal to talk with the rebels.
- Rwanda's President Paul Kagame reiterated Rwanda's denial that it is supporting the rebels, saying

- Uganda, which was also implicated in the Congo violence in a report by UN experts, denies supporting the rebels.
- The rebels continued Wednesday on toward their next target: Bukavu, the capital of South Kivu province on Lake Kivu.



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# World carbon emissions still too high: UN

**Fossil fuels.** Report comes ahead of major climate conference

A UN report on rising greenhouse-gas emissions reminded world governments Wednesday that their efforts to fight climate change are far from enough to meet their goal of limiting global warming to 2 C.

The report by the UN Environment Program, released

just days ahead of a major climate conference, said the concentration of heat-trapping greenhouse gases in the atmosphere is up about 20 per cent since 2000.

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need to come down by 14 per cent by 2020 for the world to reach a pathway that could keep the global temperature rise below 2 C, compared with pre-industrial levels, UNEP said. That's the stated goal of UN climate negotiations, which resume next week in Doha, Qatar.

But it won't happen if countries don't come ahead with more ambitious plans than what's currently on the table. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Protesters march beside a line of police officers during a demonstration against education cuts, tuition increases and austerity by the Houses of Parliament on Wednesday in London. The march was organized by the National Union of Students and is the first national student protest since a series of violent protests against tuition fees two years ago. WARRICK PAGE/GETTY IMAGES

## Chinese blogger. Police not amused over tweet about Communist Party

Hundreds of Chinese Internet users are rallying around a Beijing blogger who has been detained by police after posting a joke on Twitter about the pivotal Communist Party congress.

Chinese authorities have been especially sensitive to any perceived dissent about the party meeting, which closed last week after ushering in a new generation of leaders. Ahead of the event, police sent activists out of Beijing and rounded up the hundreds of people who tried to draw the attention of central authorities to their grievances against local governments.

Zhai Xiaobing's Nov. 5 tweet suggested the next movie in the Final Destination horror franchise would be about the Great Hall of the People collapsing on party delegates. The tweet said, "An earth-shaking debut will be seen at the global premiere on Nov. 8!" The weeklong congress began Nov. 8.

After Zhai's Twitter account fell silent for a few days, Liu Yanping, a friend of his, grew worried and visited his home in Miyun county in Bei-

### Test case

- A Miyun county police officer said Zhai Xiaobing was being investigated for "spreading terrorist information." The charge carries a maximum penalty of five years' imprisonment.
- More than 400 people have signed an online petition calling on police to release him — and to have more of a sense of humour.
- A rights group said Zhai's case could be seen as a test of whether China's incoming leaders will continue a steady crackdown authorities have imposed on the country's small community of activists, dissidents and lawyers in recent years.

jing's northeastern suburbs. There, his family members told Liu that Miyun county police had taken Zhai away on Nov. 7 and seized his computer, Liu said.

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### France cyber attack

## U.S. denies hacking charges

The U.S. Embassy in Paris has "categorically" denied claims in French magazine L'Express that the U.S. government was behind a hacking attack against computers in the French president's palace.

Hackers masquerading as Facebook friends of Elysee Palace employees duped them into giving up internal passcodes.

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### Last dance

## Groom falls on empty glass, dies

A Brazilian bridegroom bled to death at his wedding reception when he tripped and fell on an empty glass of beer on Monday. Navy Sgt. Fabio Jefferson dos Santos Maciel was dancing with one of the bridesmaids when he lost his balance and fell, shattering the glass he was carrying in his left pants pocket. A piece of glass severed his femoral vein, causing a massive loss of blood.

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An Associated Press reporter demonstrates a shopping app on her phone in San Francisco. While there are a slew of smartphone apps that can help save time and money this holiday season, a new survey suggests most Canadians don't plan on using them. JEFF CHIU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Holiday shoppers not too keen on apps, survey finds

**Retailing.** Mobile discount-hunting can give buyers an edge, but it's been slow to catch on in Canada

Smartphones can scan barcodes and offer real-time discounts but most Canadians won't bother using apps while shopping this holiday season, a new survey suggests.

About 70 per cent of those surveyed weren't planning to use a mobile application or feature to help buy gifts, according to the results of a poll commissioned by wireless carrier Mobility.

Smartphone apps can give users notifications of what discounts are being offered in a mall and at what stores, said Anthony Booth, Mobility's chief customer officer.

"The real astute users are the people who have figured out how to take advantage of things in real time by using their smartphone," Booth said from Toronto.

Black Friday, the day after U.S. Thanksgiving, has come to Canada and generally marks the beginning of the holiday shopping season. Apps such as TGI Black Friday and Black Friday Deals and Coupons allows smartphone users to search from thousands of discounts.

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## Japan

### Robot may help at meltdown site

Toshiba Corp. unveiled a robot Wednesday that the company says can withstand high radiation and help in nuclear disasters. But it remains unclear what exactly the new machine will be capable

of doing if and when it gets the go-ahead to enter Japan's crippled Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant.

The four-legged robot can climb over debris and venture into radiated areas off-limits to human workers. One significant innovation, Toshiba said, is that its wireless network can be controlled in high radiation, automatically seeking

better transmission when reception becomes weak.

Tokyo Electric Power Co. said it might use the robot to inspect the suppression chamber of the Fukushima plant, where a devastating meltdown took place after a mammoth tsunami slammed into northeastern Japan on March 11, 2011.

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# NHL COMMISSIONER GETS CANDID



**HE SAYS...**  
John Mazerolle  
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What follows is an exclusive, in-good-faith “marathon” interview with Gary Bettman, commissioner of the National Hockey League.

While it’s true the commissioner has been talking to other media throughout the NHL lockout, Mr. Bettman told me some exclusive things — things so striking and unexpected that he may deny ever having talked to me, or, indeed, having heard of me.

NHL insiders say that, using the logic of contract negotiations, his refusal to acknowledge my existence is a sign our talk went well.

**He Says:** Mr. Bettman, let’s drop the gloves. What can the league do to win back fans after this lockout, which everybody outside of the players and owners believes was unnecessary and wrong?

**Bettman:** Well, we’re very fortunate to have great fans in Canada that have nothing else to do in the winter that isn’t illegal. As for Americans, they haven’t noticed yet that we’ve been gone. So don’t tell them, OK?

**He Says:** Don’t you think this cavalier attitude will only reinforce Canadians’ belief that you don’t care about the fans, delivering a Raffi Torres-like check to the head to our national game?

**Bettman:** Well, first of all, I don’t know what a Raffi Torres is, but let me say that I’m confident the fans will be back.

**He Says:** How can you be so sure?

**Bettman:** If you read news reports from after the last lockout, you see headlines like: “Hockey: Does anyone still care?” next to headlines like, “Maple Leafs’ second-unit penalty kill needs tweaking or heads will roll.”

**He Says:** I see your point. But the NHL game was, before The Lockout: Part 2, at the height of its popularity. The hockey was faster, the women behind the benches were hotter, and mentions in late-night comedy monologues were at an all-time low. How did you kill all that momentum?

**Bettman:** You have to understand that there’s been a huge philosophical divide between each side.

**He Says:** I noticed that in the various proposals. The players said the repeating lockout was an example of Nietzsche’s eternal recurrence, while you adhered to the deconstructionism of Jacques Derrida, refusing to make whole.

**Bettman:** We spent one meeting talking about whether contract negotiations really mean anything in a cold, uncaring universe. We found a lot of common ground there. But that’s not what I meant. What I meant is that we have a different attitude than the players, because we don’t care what people think of us.

**He Says:** That’s refreshingly honest.

**Bettman:** The players will always be at a disadvantage in contract negotiations, because they’re heroes betraying their fans. But the management don’t have to be heroes. No Canadian kid says, “I want to be an owner.” Or commissioner. Keep it under your helmet, but I’m not very popular.

**He Says:** Your secret’s safe with me. I want to thank you for your candour, Mr. Bettman. And remember, keep your stick on the ice.

**Bettman:** I’m sorry, what?

**He Says:** Uh, just forget it.



NHL commissioner Gary Bettman sits down to talk with He Says regarding the lockout. CHRIS SO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Choo-choo-chocolatey express



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## World record

## Longest chocolate structure rolls into Brussels

Commuters take pictures of the world’s longest chocolate structure as it is displayed at Brussels Midi train station on Wednesday.

The train, which took 784 hours of labour to create, measures 34.05 metres (111 feet) in total length and was prepared with 1,285 kilograms (2,832 pounds) of Belgian chocolate and was built by master chocolatier Andrew Farrugia from Malta.

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## It’s as long as...

Let’s see what else compares to the 111 feet of chocolatey heaven.

- NBA basketball court.** An NBA basketball court is just a smidgen shorter than the train, measuring 94 feet long.
- Baseball diamond.** The distance between each base in a baseball diamond is 90 feet.
- The Mayflower.** The ship that transported English and Dutch Separatists to Massachusetts was 100 feet long, slightly shorter than the chocolatey train.

## Culinary concoctions

It’s a sweet time to be a world-record holder. Here’s some other culinary concoctions that have set world records recently.

- Cream cake.** Chefs in Switzerland took the title for the longest cake ever — a whopping 1,200 metres (3,937 feet) of sugar, flour and cream in November 2012. That’s more than a kilometre of cake!
- Chocolate bar.** The longest chocolate bar was measured at 15.9 metres (52 feet) long and 2.03 metres (6.7 feet) wide in Bologna, Italy, in 2011.

## Calorie counting

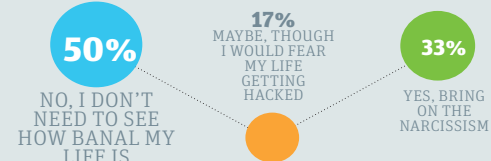
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The model train packs an impressive 6.5 million calories. But the train isn’t the largest chocolate structure in the world. That title goes to a California bakery that built a massive Mayan temple out of the dark sweet that weighs three times as much as the train.



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## Twitter

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**@StevieEcks:** That pleasant feeling of snow collecting in your moustache. #November #YYC

**@xoLindsCxo:** Just so everyone knows.... It's cold outside #youarewelcome #yyc

**@kenpfach:** Can I ride my horse into work today? Motorized commute in #yyc traffic sucks. Bet I'd beat you. #yyc

**@BlakeHusky:** A slow #yyc commute is an opportunity to people watch. Turns out the lady in the car next to me didn't like me staring.

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## Prime Watson a creative, upbeat hip-hop album

**Robey Stothart.** Not in it for Top 40 hits, creator says melody and interesting tracks were more important



**BACKSTAGE PASS**  
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It's taken a year and a half to see the light of day, but Robey Stothart says his debut album is worth the wait.

"When I wrote the songs, I was trying to be progressive," says the Calgary-based rapper, known professionally as Sabo Forte.

"So it's funny, there are actually some songs on there that sound like what some underground emcees are doing now."

Recorded over six days at a mountainside cabin studio in Nelson, B.C., the CD, titled Prime Watson, is one of the more upbeat and creative hip-hop albums released this year.

Stothart says he wasn't aiming to write an easily digestible series of Top 40 singles, but rather he wanted to create a collection of melodic and interesting tracks.

"Most Top 40 hip-hop is really boring," he explains. "There's no melody and all the beats are the same. I wanted to have some diversity and dynamics on the CD."

Although he's been a fan of hip-hop since he was in junior high, the 34-year-old Edmonton native didn't start rapping on stage until he moved to Calgary in 2000. He started with slam



Calgary hip-hop emcee Robey Stothart, a.k.a. Sabo Forte, releases his debut solo CD at Broken City on Thursday night. HANDOUT

poetry sessions to build up his confidence, moving onto solo shows.

Stothart is also a member of popular local hip-hop tag-team Blist with former A-Team frontman Andy Sparacino, and says the music scene has improved greatly in the 12 years he's called Calgary home.

"The shows here are really good," he says. "There's a really interesting music scene. When I first came

here, the talent of hip-hop maybe wasn't as good. There were only a few people doing their best to make it a vibrant scene. But now there are so many more bands, vocalists, DJs and emcees. It's a great scene."

Stothart says he'd like to tour Prime Watson in the near future, but is focusing on making videos to get exposure first.

"Touring is difficult because people outside of Cal-

Details	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sabo Forte's CD release takes place on Thursday night at Broken City.</li> <li>Prime Watson can be purchased at the show or online through SaboForte.</li> </ul>	<p>bandcamp.com</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some of Calgary's best hip-hop artists including Rap X, DJ Cosm, Rubix and Rebecca Dawn will open the show.</li> </ul>

gary don't really know who we are," he says.

"So getting a video out

there will help people put a face to the name and the songs."



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Singer Aimee Mann has turned to an AM radio hit for inspiration on her new album. GETTY IMAGES

# Mann details the less than charmed life indie musicians live

**New album.** Aimee Mann reveals unique inspiration behind latest effort and the struggles facing modern artists

The musical inspiration for Aimee Mann's latest disc may come as a surprise. It certainly did for Larry Lee.

Mann's *Charmer* hearkens back to the pop-rock structures of her 1990s discs *Whatever* and *I'm With Stupid*, and ultimately even further, to radio-friendly hits from 30 and 40 years ago. That's her pop music, not the kind made by Taylor Swift, Beyoncé or Katy Perry. In fact, she zeroed in on one song in particular: Jackie Blue, a 1975 hit by the Ozark Mountain Daredevils.

"To me, that's the perfect pop song and was kind of the

## Music videos

Two videos for *Charmer* give Mann the chance to display her humour

- **Big names.** Jon Hamm and humorists Tom Scharpling and Jon Wurster appear in the video for *Labrador*. It shows Mann tricked into remaking the video for *Voices Carry*, her 1985 hit.

touchstone for the whole record," said Mann, who's 52. "In fact, there are certain songs (on *Charmer*) where it's basically a homage to that song."

*Charmer*, which debuted at No. 33 on Billboard's 200 albums chart in September, is not a concept album, but Mann finds discs that are more than a collection of un-

related songs more satisfying to the artist and listener.

Mann went through record company nightmares early in her career, and now makes music on her own label, SuperEgo. That doesn't make her immune to the industry's problems. She said many fans can't see the connection between illegally downloading music and the struggles of their favourite artists.

"If I don't have enough money to make another album, I can't make another album," she said. "That's how it goes. You can't think about it. Am I suddenly going to appeal to people's consciences and make them not steal music? If you don't like it, great, then I can understand you not buying it. But if you like it and end up stealing it, then I just think you're a jerk. Of all the people to steal from. Musicians? Really?"

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One Direction released its sophomore album, *Take Me Home*, which comes eight months after the boy band dropped its debut, *Up All Night*, which debuted at No. 1 and is platinum. CHRIS PIZZELLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# One Direction headed on upward trajectory

**Boy band.** Sophomore album, *Take Me Home*, moves 540,000 units in first week on shelves

One Direction's *Take Me Home* is the taking the boys to the top of the charts — and to new heights.

The London group's sophomore album has sold 540,000 in its first week, according to

Nielsen SoundScan. It's the year's third-highest debut behind Taylor Swift's *Red*, which sold 1.2 million units its first week earlier this month, and Mumford & Sons' *Babel*, which sold more than 600,000 albums in September in its debut week.

"We just want to say a massive thanks to all the fans who have supported us," band member Harry Styles, 18, said in an interview Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## By the numbers

The album also debuted at No. 1 in the United Kingdom this week.

- **Success.** The fivesome's debut, *Up All Night*, came in at No. 2 in the U.K. last year; it was just released in March in America, where it hit platinum status.

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# Alec sharpens Claus for edgy festive role

## Rise of the Guardians.

Baldwin voices an alternate Santa Claus covered in tattoos for new animated film

OLIVIA MORROW

Metro World News in New York

Alec Baldwin is widely recognized for the huge variety of roles he's played throughout his long, successful career, but you might not have expected him to tackle his latest character in the Dreamworks animated film, *Rise of the Guardians*.

Baldwin gives voice to an unconventional Santa Claus, with a thick, brutish accent and arms full of tattoos. One of the film's producers, Christina Steinberg, puts it perfectly: "Who's more naughty and nice than Alec?"

Although Baldwin has voiced numerous characters in past films — including Mada-

## Quoted

**"I walked into a room and my sister was wrapping gifts with my mother and I was like 'Wait, what!'"**

Alec Baldwin, actor  
On when he started to question the existence of Santa Claus.

gascar 2 and *Cats & Dogs* — you'd expect that children's films wouldn't be of much appeal considering his only daughter is now a teenager.

"I think that people all say that they want to ... do this children's programming for your kids," he says. "My daughter is 17 now, my daughter is watching *God-knows-what*.

"It's kind of frightening, but I think that when they showed me that these were going to be edgier versions of these characters — when you see the Santa Claus figure it's usually ... a rosy-cheeked, saintly man with not a lot of dimension — (it) was a lot

more real, so I loved that."

Baldwin talked about his personal beliefs regarding Santa Claus when he was a child and how he discovered it was all a myth: "I walked into a room and my sister was wrapping presents with my mother and I was like, 'Wait, what?'" he explains.

"I think they only told me because the more kids my mother had, the more wrapping they had to do. I immediately became enlisted as a wrapper."

But just what was it like for Baldwin to play the legendary character?

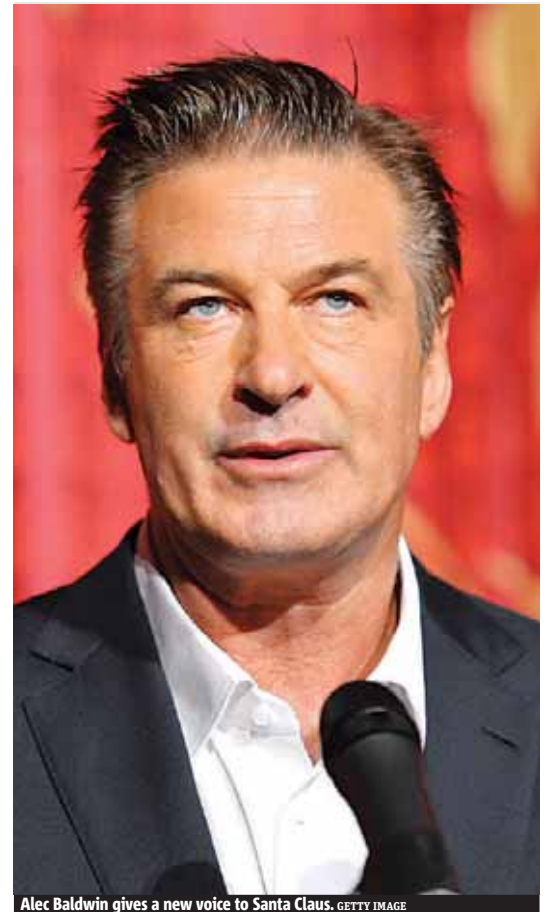
"The key with these kinds of films is to work your way toward a much warmer kind of humanistic place, literally in your voice. ... The thing for me is to try to vary the tone. ... You want to try to keep it warm, there's a great deal of love and warmth in the piece, (but) there's always a chance to make it really, really bombastic, especially with the Santa Claus character."

## What's next?

**Quality over quantity.** As he prepares to say goodbye to 30 Rock, it seems Baldwin's life is slowing down, as he says his career is all about quality rather than quantity now. "I'd rather just stay home with my wife and my two dogs and watch TV now. I'd rather watch a movie than make a movie any day," he says.

**On *Turning 50*.** "I'm at a stage now where it's more like when you were a child where you're very present. When you're kids, everything is very small. ... Then you turn 50 — the world becomes a lot smaller and you'd rather do less things and do them well and have a more satisfying personal life."

"There's a chance to make it very strident. The guy is very, very powerful in some scenes — but in other scenes you want to make it silly and fun and child-friendly."



Alec Baldwin gives a new voice to Santa Claus. GETTY IMAGE

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# Blip embraces Sasseville's project after his ABC rejection

**Delusions of Grandeur.** Defiant actor/comedian took TV blow on the chin and bounced back by taking series online

Jake Sasseville had it all planned out: He'd been working for a year on a TV show based on his life, and he was going to get it on the air in a unique fashion — by buying network time.

He purchased eight 30-minute blocks on ABC Family to launch *Delusions of Grandeur*. It was set to debut Oct. 4 at 1 a.m. EDT, but the network pulled it two weeks before the airdate, Sasseville said.

"I got a ton of emails from the legal team who all of a sudden chose ... that the show was not going to air," the 26-year-old said of the show, which

has now found a home on Blip, a website for original series. "And this was after I paid for the time."

ABC Family, which is owned by Disney, said in a statement that Sasseville's show didn't air "because it did not meet our standards for programming for time buy purchases." The network didn't provide details. He did receive a refund, however.

Sasseville was using the time buy and paid programming format, where the purchaser buys airtime and gets sponsors, but the network retains control. He used the format for *The Edge With Jake Sasseville* in 2008, which aired on ABC affiliates following *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, and for *Late Night Republic*, which aired on MyNetworkTV and Fox stations from August 2010 to October 2011.

He said he funded both programs through sponsorships with Overstock.com, Ford Motor Co., Microsoft

## Quoted

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**Jake Sasseville, actor/comedian**  
On ABC's u-turn on his series.

Corp. and others. *Delusions of Grandeur*, a loosely scripted comedy about the actor-comedian's life and his successes and failures in the TV industry, debuted Oct. 3 on Blip. So far, four 30-minute episodes have aired, and it returns Tuesday after its mid-season break.

He was also able to retain his advertisers, including State Farm insurance company, once his show got the boot from ABC. Sasseville is producing the series through his production company, City of Sass. He also has a new book, *Slightly Famous*, published by City of Sass Print.

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Sasseville in his Blip show *Delusions of Grandeur*. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Lohan regrets nothing, could be facing more jail time

Lindsay Lohan has no regrets, she insists, despite the legal and family problems that have plagued her and impacted her career.

"I want to be known as an actress, not a troubled starlet," Lohan tells *Us Weekly* during a lengthy sit-down interview.

"(I regret) nothing, because then I wouldn't have been able to cry in scenes at the drop of a hat.

I have a tattoo, Live without regrets. I'm not

saying I wanted to go to a jail cell, but I've drawn from it."

Well, she might have even more to draw from soon.

It looks like she'll have her probation revoked for lying to police after a summer fender-bender, according to TMZ, and that could lead to more jail time for Lohan.

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## Rihanna finally makes appearance on 777-tour

### THE WORD

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Rihanna's 777 Tour has taken its toll on journalists and fans who followed the star around the globe.

After a week, their frustration exploded. Constant delays and lack of sleep (those on board had to crash whenever and wherever they had a chance: on coaches, on board the plane or on a floor) and not knowing when the next opportunity to eat and drink would materialize, are circumstances most would endure with joy — if only the main subject of the whole trip would show herself offstage.

After mounting criticism spread like a wildfire online — that's the risk you take when you invite 150 journalists — Rihanna yesterday showed herself on the plane.

Wearing dark sunglasses, she appeared 10 minutes before the plane was due to land after the last leg. She even came close to offering an apology.

"I didn't get to spend as much time as I'd originally planned with you guys. I think you are tired as well, but I wanna now improve so I'm gonna come and sit here with you guys. And thank you everybody for making this trip the s—t," she told the journalists.

### What was the hardest part of the tour?

The hardest part? I guess trying to balance being a hostess and a performer. I'm supposed to do my show and then shut the f—k up until the next show. Because the two hours we have to fly that's when I can sleep, but I really wanted to hang out and interact with everybody and give everybody my time. So I guess that was difficult.

### Rihanna, can you sum up the tour for us?

Rock and roll, true friends, press who really want to know the dirt, rarely got any dirt cause I had to be good. I had to be good this time. We would have had a 333 tour if I wasn't good. I wouldn't have lasted. I still sound like s—t right now, but tonight is the last s—t so we are going all the way. No mercy, that's what I mean. I'm gonna put all my energy into this one show.

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Justin Bieber

## Oprah dishes out dating advice for Justin Bieber

While Justin Bieber may still be making attempts to win back ex-girlfriend Selena Gomez, at least one influential personality thinks he should cool it — and maybe revise his previously stated plans to be married by 25, too.

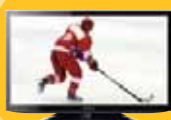
"I think 25 is too young, actually, I really do — particularly for you," Oprah Winfrey told Bieber during a one-on-one interview with the superstar.

"Your whole 20s is about discovering who you really are. You owe that to yourself,

particularly because of the business that you're in (where there's) not a lot of self-discovery time because so much is already defined for you."

In other news, prosecutors decided not to file any charges against Bieber after investigators found no evidence that the pop star had kicked and punched a photographer after leaving a movie theatre last month, a document obtained Wednesday states.

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A la mode in many ways: The black short-sleeved dress from H&M (\$49.95) on the left is seen accompanied respectively by a Vince fur vest from Holt Renfrew (\$1,975), grey cardigan from Topshop at the Bay (\$100) and a black jacket with faux-leather sleeves from Dynamite (\$49.90). AARON VINCENT ELKAIM / THE CANADIAN PRESS

# A dress fit for four fêtes

**Deck the holidays.** No need to break the bank on several new outfits as you navigate the social circuit this season

Whether you're heading to cocktails, the office bash or a family gathering, a few fashionable additions can add some oomph to your festive wardrobe.

"As much as we know that we've got lots of different parties on our calendar for the holidays, we don't always have to necessarily buy four different outfits," said Julia Cyboran, editor-in-chief of Loulou magazine. "It's all about how you style one main piece."

## THE STAPLE PIECE

Cyboran said the little black dress is the wardrobe essential for any holiday look. That's likely music to the ears of cost-conscious fashionistas who may already have an LBD tucked away in their closet or

## Bling it on

Trying to select several eye-catching add-ons to amp up your party attire?

- **Step in style.** In the case of those seeking a little lift, Julia Cyboran said the pointy-toed pump that dominated the fashion runways is emerging as a standout on the market.
- **In the bag.** Cyboran said the solid, structured pillbox clutch will remain a style standout for the holidays, but expect to see envelope clutches in the hands of

women heading out on the town.

- **Making a statement.** Bigger is better when it comes to statement jewelry, with large-scale earrings and necklaces among the holiday accessory offerings. While rose gold hit the market last spring, Cyboran said it started to surface a little last winter in watches, belts and earrings, as did chocolate-coloured gold, and both colours have remained a part of the accessory landscape.

are able to scout out a new, affordable option.

The seemingly season-less style staple has a chameleon-like ability to transform from upscale chic to laid back casual.

Selecting the right style with its own intricate details such as pleating, embellished sleeves and a flattering silhouette can ensure it can work as a

stand-alone garment, Cyboran noted.

## Going for glam

Looking to add a little luxe to your holiday look? Cyboran said teaming your dress with a faux fur topper along with some shimmering sequined booties can instantly infuse a glam touch.



Julia Cyboran, editor-in-chief of Loulou magazine, selected this black-and-gold clutch from BCBG (\$190), and Envelope clutch from Forever 21 (\$19.80) to highlight the season's key trends. AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

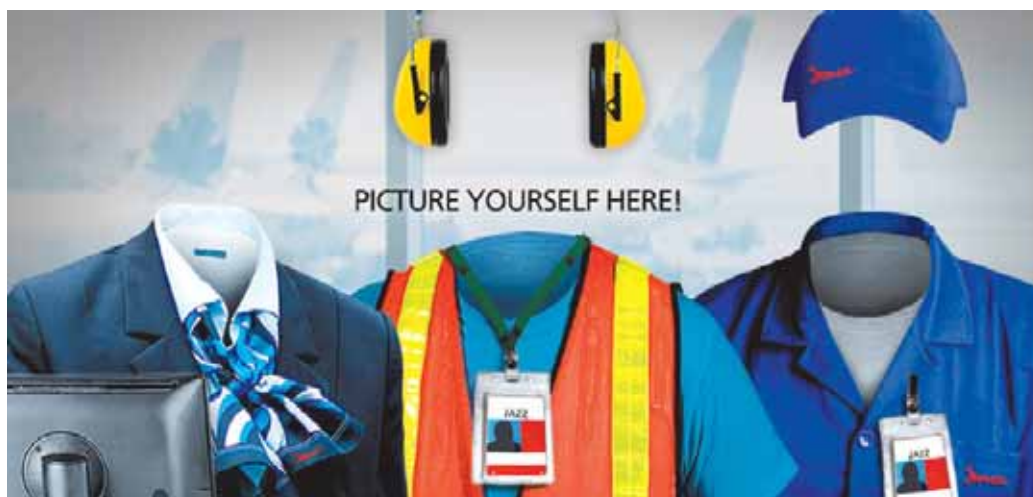
## Comfort casual

Heading to cottage country or settling in at home for a more low-key holiday celebration? Cyboran suggests taking a robust, comfy warm knit worn with a belt over the dress, along with a pair of slouchy, low-cut boots for a more casual ensemble.

## Office party chic

If you're pressed for time and need to make a wardrobe quick-change for the office shindig, Cyboran said a blazer with faux leather detailing partnered with a pair of pumps can easily help translate your outfit for after-hours.

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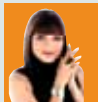
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# Canadian street style

Spotted in: Vancouver

**Michelle Yu**  
Stylist at Holt Renfrew  
Age: 28

**What she's wearing**

Gifted flannel jacket, Proenza Schouler bag, Alden Ray and Birds of a Feather accessories, River Island skirt, Michael Kors Boots, Club Monaco socks

**Her inspiration**

"Cold weather and this warm flannel jacket I stole from my little brother."

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# Three big holiday decor trends



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Each year we see new colours being introduced to Christmas decor, as if the ornaments we use every year won't suffice.

Holiday decor usually follows suit with fashion or home decor, and this year it's easier than ever to update your holiday decorations and have a trend-setting home for the holidays.

Consider taking a few good holiday standards and adding a twist in order to make your home trend-worthy this year.

## Use old ornaments

Colour block old ornaments into a concentrated area — display in a crystal bowl, use on a staircase garland, string on a garland across a window, decorate a spare room or donate to a local shelter. Do this three to four weeks before the holidays to give them time to enjoy.



**Glitter Wreath: Mixing gold and silver is all of a sudden OK for holiday decorating this year.** CRATEANDBARREL.COM

## Glam with rustic

We've always been told never to mix the precious metals when decorating — mixing silver and gold has always been a faux pas. Silver has topped the list for sometime now. This year, we are taking the warm and cool metal tones and blending them to help create a more humble look. Using them in a rich, formal setting would be too much formality. Using them in a farmhouse or rustic setting helps add understated glam to a space.



**Got some outdated trend colours from years past? Group them together and display in a guest room.** SUPPLIED

## Add a Punch

Wake up the predictable red-gold-green colour combination by adding a shot of cobalt blue or black to the room, it will give the colour scheme a sense of importance with the shot of darkness. A lot of dark brown entered Christmas decor a few years ago, stemming from the trends in home decor furniture. The brown feels a bit predictable, but when mixed with warm gold and a shot of fuchsia or purple, it can take us back to retro-Halston '70s.



**Blown glass ornament: Grey ornaments help to create a sophisticated, cool vibe.** URBANBARN.COM

## Shades of Grey

Various neutral colours come and go in holiday decor — there's been taupe, black, sage and the ever popular cream colours. This year, look to inject a bit of inspiration coming from fashion. Grey is the new neutral and helps to make our homes take on a cool air of sophistication during the holidays. Team it with fresh greens, golds and citron for a punchy holiday decor. I suggest using this colour as an accent so not to over spend. Grey is the hot neutral this year, but most likely will not have longevity.



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# Discovering backyard living

**Zoning.** Homeowners building cottages for parents, guests or just more space

Something small is afoot. Backyard cottages — from 800-square-foot bungalows to Lilliputian studio cabins — are springing up behind houses

in many cities, some of which have changed zoning laws to accommodate them.

Often, the cottages are built for aging parents or grown children. Sometimes, they're rented out for extra income, or are used as studios or offices.

"Backyard cottages increase density in a nice way," says Bruce Parker, principal of the Seattle-based design col-

lective Microhouse. "They use existing infrastructure and ... they're inherently sustainable. A cottage is the antithesis of a big house on a tiny lot."

Seattle updated its zoning laws in 2009 to allow for "accessory dwelling units" on single-family lots of at least 4,000 square feet. (Permits are needed depending on the size of the cottage and whether it has plumbing and electricity.)

While Parker had been designing small homes for several years, the microhouse law inspired him to focus on backyard dwellings. Soon, he was teaching classes on backyard cottages with the Seattle firm NCompass Construction.

About 90 per cent of his students, he said, wanted to build a cottage for their parents.

"Rather than paying thousands of dollars a month for

assisted living, you can have your parents with you and they can help with the kids — but everyone gets their own space," says Parker.

Often, it's the parents who pay to build the cottages. "It's an investment for their comfort and a way to improve their children's property," says Parker. "One pragmatic woman told me she hoped her great-granddaughter would use it for college housing after she was gone."

In Portland, Ore., which changed zoning rules in 2010 to allow for backyard cottages, Jasmine Deatherage and her mother, Diane Hoglund, looked for a house with a large yard specifically with this living arrangement in mind.

"We really wanted to live together," says Deatherage. "I have a two-year-old and my mom will be taking on some of the childcare. It's a special time to live together."

Before her mother bought the house, they asked the previous owner to build a basic single-car garage, which they plan to convert into a fully functioning mother-in-law cottage by next summer.

While not every young family would opt to have their parents so close, Deatherage notes that it's common historically and globally. "My husband is from Mexico where it's very normal to live with your family," she says. "His whole family lives together and if we lived there we'd live with them too."

For other homeowners, backyard cottages are an opportunity for small-scale entrepreneurship.

Bob DiPalma of Burlington, Vt., didn't set out to run

a mini-hotel out of his yard, but the project "crept up on me." While rehabilitating their 100-year-old barn, he and his wife saw the opportunity to convert the space into an apartment above a garage. They drew up designs, hired a contractor and soon had a fully-functioning vacation rental.

"Over the last four years, we've had really wonderful guests who have appreciated the space," DiPalma says.

Sometimes, the need for more space is just a need for more space.

"So many people are working from home," says Gayle Zalduondo, principal of the Miami-based Cabin Fever, which sells prefab cabins. "Rather than going off-site, they're adding a cabin. People need more space, but they're not comfortable upsizing to a larger house, especially in this economy."

Some of her customers want a guest house, while others are artists, musicians and independent service providers — from freelance graphic designers to massage therapists.

Unlike the fully outfitted miniature homes being used for rental properties and mother-in-law quarters, small backyard cabins without kitchens and bathrooms do not require permits in many states.

"We have a model you can build in a weekend," says Zalduondo. "It comes flat-packed. It's tight and weather-proofed and you don't even need to pour a full slab. You can just prepare a lightweight foundation and put the cabin on top of it." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Clothing is another easy choice when going second-hand. Big players like Value Village, the Salvation Army and Goodwill operate multiple outlets in urban centres, but solo shops abound, too.



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# Don't be fooled — not all doughnuts are created equal

Lemon doughnuts generally involve fried dough filled with sticky, tart-sweet yellow goo that tastes more of sugar than of serious lemon.

So here is a way to truly reinvent the lemon doughnut as a baked treat that is at once lighter and more deliciously lemony.

All you have to do is start with a golden cake-style baked doughnut, which is then flecked with the potent flavour of real lemon zest. You finish by topping the doughnuts with a simple powdered sugar-lemon juice glaze. The result is wonderful.

1. Heat the oven to 425 F.

2. Coat 2 doughnut pans with baking spray; you can use pans designed for either large or small doughnuts. A mini doughnut pan will bake more quickly.

3. In a medium bowl, use

an electric mixer to beat together the butter, oil, packed brown sugar, granulated sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt, vanilla extract and lemon zest. Beat in the eggs, one at a time, scraping the bowl between additions.

## Baked Lemon Doughnuts



These delicious doughnuts are baked. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4. Stir in half the flour followed by half the buttermilk, then the remaining flour and finally the remaining buttermilk.

5. Spoon the batter into the prepared pans, filling the doughnut wells to about 1/4 inch from the top. If using a mini doughnut pan, you will need to bake in multiple batches.

6. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, or until golden and cooked through. Allow to cool in the pan for 10 minutes before turning out onto a rack.

7. To make the glaze, simply stir together the lemon juice and powdered sugar. Dip the tops of the doughnuts in the glaze and allow them to set or enjoy immediately. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Ingredients

12 portions  
Start to finish: 45 minutes

- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, room temperature
- 1/4 cup vegetable or canola oil
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp baking powder

- 1/4 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 2 eggs
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2 tsp lemon juice
- 1 cup powdered sugar

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# Black Friday madness may cost you your sanity: Is it worth all the hype?



Do you want to shop in this? Black Friday is one of the busiest shopping days in the U.S. and it's getting more popular in Canada with major retail stores joining in and offering bargains. GETTY IMAGES

## Black Friday facts

- **Camping out.** Last year, a couple in Florida camped out on the sidewalk in front of a Best Buy for 12 days in order to be the first in line for Black Friday sales.
- **Buy Nothing Day.** Twenty years ago, Buy Nothing Day was created as an anti-consumerism alternative to Black Friday.
- **Holiday cheer?** Ninety per cent of Black Friday shoppers will be buying goods for themselves.
- **Online.** Sixteen per cent of Canadians will buy goods online from U.S. retailers on Black Friday.
- **Cyber Monday.** The term has become an international marketing term used by online retailers in the U.K., Portugal, Germany and Chile.
- **Turnout.** The National Retail Federation anticipates 134 million people will hit the stores this Thanksgiving weekend.

**Shop till you drop.** Each year, more Canadians join the melee and flock to the States for the shopping extravaganza, and this time round The Bay, amazon.ca, Gap and Toys R Us will join in north of the border

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Stampedes. Pepper-spray attacks on fellow shoppers. Store employees trampled, crushed and even killed.

Accounts of mall mayhem on Black Friday — the day after Thanksgiving in the U.S., when merchants offer deep discounts on everything from skis to sandwich grills — have become part of retail lore. And although such incidents are rare, midnight store openings, across-the-parking-lot lineups and unbelievable deals have become as iconic of American Thanksgiving as pumpkin pie and pilgrim outfits.

Each year, more Canadians join the Black Friday fray. Statistics Canada says 4.2 million Canadians travelled to the U.S. last November, presumably to shop. This year, stores in Canada, including The Bay and amazon.ca are all trumpeting Black Friday specials.

Still, Sally Ritchie, vice president of communications and marketing for the Retail Council of Canada says Canadians aren't entranced with cross-border door-busting. "Our polling data shows that only six per cent of people in British Columbia and five per cent of

Ontarians plan to travel to the U.S. for Black Friday," Ritchie says; 94 per cent of Canadians will be staying put.

So for most Canadians, it seems, the question isn't, "Where does the line start?" but, "What the heck?"

Well, obviously, there are the deals. "It can be thrilling to get a key item for a really good price," says Sarah Kutulakos, an American now living in Canada.

"And there's the social aspect, the ritual. You have Thanksgiving dinner with family and friends, then you

all get up early on Friday to go shopping."

But more subtle psychology may be at work as well. Aparna Labroo, a consumer psychologist and the Patricia C. Ellison Professor of Marketing at the Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto, points out that people want things more when they appear scarce. Deep discounts, offering those savings for a limited time and making only a few of those products available (to, say, the first 100 customers) are all ways retailers "manipulate scarcity

cues" — in other words, motivate consumers.

Enough to pitch a tent in an overnight lineup? Maybe. "People actually infer value (of a product) from the effort they put into getting that product," says Labroo.

In other words, having to line up is — for some shoppers — not only not a deterrent, it's proof that what they want is worth lining up for. "The many people present, all waiting, can heighten the sense of scarcity."

And, apparently, the need for a \$38 Blu-ray player.



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# On your mark, get set, go ... wild

**But use good judgment while you're at it.** Don't get caught in the frenzy and spend money erratically just because you find discounts



**MONICA WEYMOUTH**  
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Black Friday is a delicate balancing act between scoring as many great deals as possible and not turning into a crazed shopping Grinch. It's not a day for amateurs, so we hit up Dana Holmes, editor-in-chief of Gifts.com, for some expert tips on saving money and sanity.

## Buy thoughtful gifts, not cheap stuff

It's hard to say no to a great sale, but don't just buy cashmere scarves because they're half-off for another hour. "Remember that a great deal isn't always a great gift," says Holmes. "Make sure you have a list of who you're shopping for, a budget for each person and some ideas for

each person. I like to put some adjectives next to their names along with some of their favourite stores to stay focused."

## Keep your receipts

You will make impulse buys that you regret — it's part of the day. "Keep a zippered pouch in your purse to keep your designated Black Friday receipts," advises Holmes. "You don't want to misplace any — you're buying a lot of stuff, you're excited and when you get home you may realize you don't want all of it."

## Bum a ride

"I'm a big advocate for car-pooling," says Holmes. "Go with your shopping buddies and you can save a parking space and gas, which is a hot commodity right now." Not to mention, it's nice to have company in the parking-garage traffic — because oh, yes, that is a thing that happens.

## Cross-check for online deals

Some deals, such as door-busters, are strictly in-store offers. But increasingly, retailers are offering the same sales online with plenty of

perks. "If you see something you like, check it out on your phone — sometimes it can actually be just as cheap to buy it online, get it shipped and get it gift-wrapped for free," says Holmes. "Then you don't have to lug it around all day."

## Don't fake being an early bird

Ultimately, Black Friday should be a silly, fun way to kick off the holiday season. If waiting in the dark for your favourite store's doors to open isn't your idea of fun, sleep in and skip the door-buster deals. "It's more about the camaraderie — it's for a special kind of person who really enjoys that," says Holmes of the 5 a.m. openings. "Everybody else, just go when you want. There will be lines, parking will be tough, things will run out — you have to enjoy it for it to be worth it."

## Gift-list assist

Before you make your list and check it twice, head on over to Gifts.com and take the gift personality quiz. It can help you figure out what to buy for your picky fashionista sister before you melt down at the Cinnabon stand.



Black Friday should be a silly and fun way to kick off the holiday season. Don't overdo it. ISTOCK IMAGE



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# CADILLAC: COMFORT AND POWER

Why it took Cadillac this long to build a car smaller than the CTS is anyone's guess. Likely because only in the last few years has fuel performance been as big an issue as comfort and power. So, with the growing acceptance of well-turned out small cars in the marketplace — even though BMW has been doing it for decades with the 3 Series — here's the new ATS.

Compared to the larger CTS, the ATS is about 22 centimetres shorter, four-centimetres narrower while being vertically challenged by about five centimetres. It also surrenders 10 centimetres between the front and rear wheels. Where the ATS really excels is its 1,510-kilogram curb weight.

Although it's available with a relatively potent 321-horsepower, 3.6-litre V6 (required when adding the optional all-wheel-drive), Cadillac is making available two additional four-cylinder offerings. Base cars get a 202-horsepower, 2.5-litre unit, while a 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder is optional. The turbo's 272 horsepower and 260 pound-feet of torque would appear to trump similarly-sized turbo-fours employed in the Audi A4 and



Cadillac ATS

## BASE PRICES (INCL. DESTINATION)

ATS: Compact sedan; \$36,700  
CTS: Mid-size sedan; \$46,600  
CTS: Two-door coupe; \$44,500  
CTS: Four-door wagon; \$43,200  
XTS: Full-size sedan; \$50,600

BMW 3 Series and could give the ATS some all-important street cred.

All power plants are mated to six-speed automatic transmissions, but in keeping with its performance nature (and to sway Euro-sedan fans) the turbo engine is available with a six-speed manual gearbox. As with some of its other models, Cadillac waltzed the ATS around Germany's demanding Nürburgring race-track to ensure its driving characteristics measure up to BMW, Audi, et al.

The ATS would seem to match its competitors stride for stride in safety with up to 10 airbags plus an array of the latest in collision-avoidance gear. They include

adaptive cruise control (maintains a safe distance from the vehicle in front), lane-departure warning with blind-zone alert, adaptive lighting (headlights pivot as the car turns) and front and rear automatic brakes that use short-range radar to detect and prevent low-speed collisions.

At the other end of the scale, the CTS is joined by the larger XTS, which is the long-awaited successor to the DTS and STS sedans. The XTS employs a front-wheel-drive platform that will also be supporting the 2014 Chevrolet Impala.

— wheelbasemedia.com

# PORSCHE'S FINE LINES



Porsche Boxster

For 2013, Porsche adds the brand new all-wheel-drive 911 Carrera 4 and 4S coupes and convertibles. And, of course, Porsche has been working on another convertible: The new 2013 Boxster. It's all-new despite appearing familiar with its mid-mounted engine and recognizable silhouette.

But the numerous differences collectively add up to significant change.

Visually, the windshield is now more steeply raked and has been relocated

forward of the cockpit by 10 centimetres, presumably for aerodynamic reasons and to keep your noggin a safe distance from the windshield edge when entering/exiting. The rest of the body is edgier, especially the deeply sculpted door panels, reshaped fenders and a rear deck with a prominent spoiler that give the Boxster a squared-up presence reminiscent of the Carrera GT supercar.

Porsche's designers also added about seven centimetres between the front

and rear wheels for increased legroom, although overall length has increased only slightly. The cockpit has been re-engineered to a similar degree, with an all-new centre console, control panel and optional sport seats. An electronic parking lever replaces the traditional hand-brake control.

The Boxster's six-cylinder engine has been reduced in displacement to 2.7 litres from 2.9, however, the horsepower rating has increased to 265 from 255 primarily

due to switching to direct injection (fuel squirted directly into the combustion chambers under high pressure).

Direct injection is also employed for the Boxster S's 3.4-litre six, only it also gets the same 315-horsepower rating. Both engines can be ordered with a six-speed manual transmission, or optional seven-speed twin-clutch automated manual gearbox called the PDK.

According to Porsche's stopwatch, the Boxster can hit 60 mph (96 km/h) from zero in 5.5 seconds, or 5.4 with the PDK (4.8 and 4.7 for the S).

Porsche's Sport Chrono package, available with the PDK, includes a launch-control program that maximizes standing-start acceleration, shaving about two-tenths of a second off the zero-to-60-mph (96 km/h) times of both models. PDK-equipped models also have a coasting feature whereby the engine idles out of gear when decelerating.

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## BASE PRICES (INCL. DESTINATION)

911 Carrera: Coupe; \$94,800  
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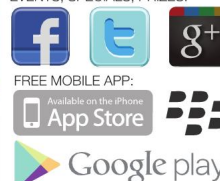
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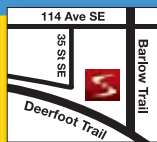
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# Grey Cup

## Mascot has a shot to trot in Toronto

The Calgary Stampeders may have their lucky mascot Quick Six at the Grey Cup after all.

Grey Cup organizers had said due to the game-day setup, there would be no room for Quick Six to gallop safely when Calgary faces the Toronto Argonauts at Rogers Centre on Sunday.

It appears the CFL is rethinking its position.

The league met with team officials to discuss Quick Six's status on Wednesday.

A CFL spokesman says the league is trying to accommodate Quick Six.

"Grey Cup is all about traditions and Calgary's horse is one of those great traditions," said Jamie Dykstra. "We do have safety concerns but we're doing our best to work those out to accommodate the request." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Grey Cup

## Argos coach doesn't want players to score before game day

Scott Milanovich wants the Toronto Argonauts to control their libido during Grey Cup week.

The Argos rookie head coach says he doesn't want his players scoring off the field prior to the big game. Toronto takes on the Calgary Stampeders for the CFL championship Sunday at Rogers Centre.

He also has a personal reason for this approach.

"I have two young daughters at home right now that are probably watching this press conference, so my take on it is going to be 'I believe in abstinence,'" Milanovich said Wednesday, answering what has become the traditional last question of the Grey Cup coaches' news conference.

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Calgary Stampeders head coach and GM John Hufnagel, left, and Toronto Argonauts head coach Scott Milanovich pose with the Grey Cup on Wednesday in Toronto. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Hufnagel dares to touch Grey Cup

**CFL.** Despite 22-year age difference, Stampeders and Argos coaches share many similarities

## Quoted

"I think my name's on it."

Calgary Stampeders head coach and GM John Hufnagel on why he bucked tradition by touching the Grey Cup. Hufnagel has won the cup, most recently in 2008 with Calgary.

the field.

But Hufnagel had no problem bucking that trend because he has won the Grey Cup, most recently in 2008 with Calgary.

Milanovich stood next to the trophy, close enough that his reflection could be seen in it. But he refrained from touching it despite earning Grey Cup rings in 2009 and '10 as an assistant coach with the Montreal Alouettes.

"We decided, as a team, that we weren't going to touch it,"

Milanovich said.

Why?

"Tradition," he said.

Despite a 22-year age difference, Milanovich and Hufnagel share many similarities. They both hail from Pennsylvania, played quarterback collegiately as well as in the NFL and CFL, earned championship rings north of the border as assistants and are in this year's game after leading their teams to second-place finishes in their respective divisions.

Hufnagel, 61, got into coaching as a player-coach with the Saskatchewan Roughriders in '87 before becoming a full-time coach the following season. But coaching was in Milanovich's blood as a youngster as his father, Gary, was a former assistant football coach in Butler, Pa.

Hufnagel said no one should be surprised to see two former quarterbacks in the Grey Cup as head coaches.

"It is a passing league, you have to have a real good understanding of pass offence and pass protection but don't neglect the running game," he said. "Usually the quarterback does have a little bit of a head start in that area."

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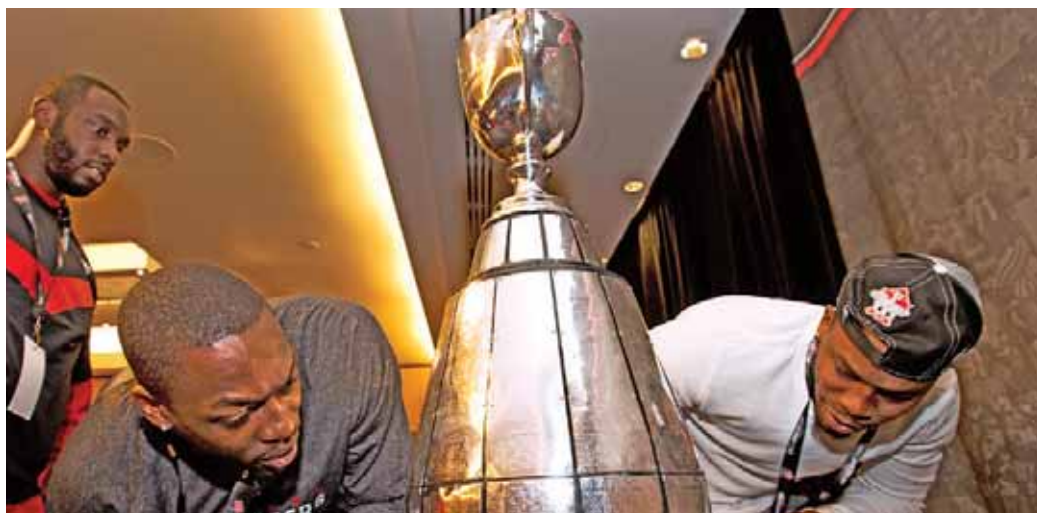
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## Stampeders get acquainted with cup

Calgary Stampeders teammates Fred Bennett, left, and Chris Randle have a close look at the Grey Cup during the West Division champions media lunch in Toronto on Wednesday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# NHLPA submits offer but sides 'still far apart'

**Lockout.** Union moves toward league in revenue sharing as talks resume in New York

The NHL and NHL Players' Association finally seem to be speaking the same language, but they still have a gap to bridge in negotiations on a collective bargaining agreement.

The union tabled a comprehensive proposal Wednesday that generated a tepid

response from the NHL. However, commissioner Gary Bettman acknowledged the six-page offer was a step in the right direction and the document appeared to offer a path forward in talks, with the sides now envisioning the same type of economic system.

"There was some movement in our direction and it was appreciated," said Bettman. "We're still far apart. But hopefully there's some momentum so we can bring this to a conclusion."

The union proposed a 50-

50 split of revenues during the five-year deal along with \$393 million US in deferred make-whole payments throughout. Two weeks ago, the league offered \$211 million and a 50-50 split.

NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr acknowledged that his constituents are anxious to end the lockout and indicated that the new offer is "about as good" as the players are willing to make.

"(The players) are suffering right along with the fans," said Fehr. "We made an enormous

move in the owners' direction to try and end it — at least as of today that hasn't been successful."

Until now, the union had been pushing for a system that would see players paid a fixed amount of revenue each season rather than receiving a percentage of it. However, the new offer included some safeguards to ensure they'd be protected in the event league revenues stalled, including a clause that states the players' share can't drop from year to year. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## CFL. Argos hope to stuff Cornish a third time

Stuffing CFL outstanding player candidate Jon Cornish twice this season is a pleasant memory for the Toronto Argonauts defence.

Whether they can stop the Calgary Stampeders' star running back a third time in the Grey Cup game Sunday will be another story.

"It was so long ago that we played them," linebacker Marcus Ball said Wednesday. "Cornish is stampeding through the league right now, so it's going to be a challenge to try to stop those guys. But we're up for it."

The Argos beat the Stampeders in both of their meetings, extending their winning streak against Calgary to five games since 2010. But none of that will matter when the teams line up for the championship game at Rogers Centre.

Toronto won 39-36 in Calgary on July 7, holding Cornish to 39 yards on seven carries. They beat the Stamps 22-14 at home on Aug. 18, when the



Jon Cornish on Wednesday in Toronto. THE CANADIAN PRESS

league's rushing leader got 43 yards on 12 attempts. That 4.2 yards per carry is well below his 5.6-yard average for the season and was a drop in the bucket of his 1,457 rushing yards for a year, a record for a Canadian.

Against most defences, Cornish's blend of speed and power is more than a handful. In playoff games against Saskatchewan and British Columbia, Cornish ran for 109 and 112 yards respectively.

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### Grey Cup

## Game spurs friendly wagers

The bets are coming from all corners as the Toronto Argonauts and the Calgary Stampeders get ready to square off in Sunday's 100th Grey Cup game.

Premier Alison Redford has bet Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty that the Stamps will be victorious in the CFL championship in Toronto.

The losing province will have to donate 100 warm-clothing items to a charity

group of the winning premier's choice.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi and Toronto Mayor Rob Ford have agreed that the losing leader — wearing the opponent's jersey — will donate his weight in food to the winning city's food bank.

Even the respective zoos are in on the action.

The CEO of the Calgary Zoo has agreed to scrub his animal park's penguin exhibit if the Stamps lose; his counterpart will clean the Toronto Zoo's giraffe house if the Argos go down to defeat. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# 'Sir Jack' talk of hoops world after 138-point game

**NCAA.** NBAers abuzz after 'video-game'-like outburst in Division III

How did Grinnell's Jack Taylor wind up with 138 points in a game?

Well, he did miss 56 shots, more than he made. And he didn't play for four minutes.

Otherwise he would have scored even more.

As it was, Taylor shattered the NCAA scoring record by 25 points Tuesday in the Pioneers' 179-104 victory over Faith Baptist Bible in Grinnell, Iowa.

Taylor hoisted a mind-boggling 108 shots, one every 20 seconds. Layups, fadeaways and three-pointers (27 of those) were all working in a display that had NBA royalty buzzing.

"It's like a video game," Carmelo Anthony said. "How can you shoot 108 times?"

LeBron James added: "It's unbelievable, honestly. There's two games that I would love to see: One was Wilt, when he had 100, and this kid, I want to see him, too. Sir Jack."

Wilt Chamberlin's record of 100 points scored in 1962 still stands as the NBA mark.

Taylor himself was still trying to catch his breath Wednesday.

"Honestly, it's still not settling in. It was hard to sleep," Taylor told The Associated Press.

Understandably so. Taylor is just a five-foot-10, 170-pound sophomore from Black River Falls, Wis. How did he score more points than anyone in college history?

Well, he had 58 at halftime.



Grinnell's Jack Taylor goes to the basket during Tuesday's game, in which he scored 138 points, in Grinnell, Iowa. CORY HALL/GRINNELL COLLEGE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

And then he scored 30 more in the first nine minutes of the second half, draining seven straight threes at one point.

The Division III record was the first to fall, as Taylor reached 91 points on a 25-footer from the left wing with 11:14 to go. He cracked 100 on a layup less than three minutes later, and with 4:42 to go he drained yet another three to pass the NCAA record of 113 set by Rio Grande's Bevo Francis against Hillsdale in 1954.

Taylor made 27 of 71 three-pointers and was 52 of 108 overall.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Record-setting system

The three-pointer is the shot of choice at Grinnell and the four guys who don't shoot crash the boards.

- The Pioneers also press relentlessly on defence, forcing turnovers and quicker shots from opponents.
- The style also demands fresh legs and the Pioneers typically substitute every 60 seconds of so.

## NBA

### L.A. acting job costs Evans \$5K

Brooklyn Nets forward Reggie Evans has become the first player to be fined for flopping by the NBA, penalized \$5,000 US for a second offence.

Evans was punished after exaggerating light contact from the Lakers' Metta World Peace in Los Angeles on Tuesday night, nearly crashing into a referee standing along the sideline a few feet away. Evans had received a warning for going down with little or no contact while battling for a rebound against Boston on Nov. 15. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Quoted

"Just like the fans in South Florida, I was lied to on multiple occasions."



New Blue Jays left-hander Mark Buehrle in a statement issued Wednesday

Wednesday through his agent, Jeff Berry. "But I'm putting it behind me and looking forward to moving on with my career." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## MLB. Buehrle gets in two cents on way out of Miami

Mark Buehrle issued a parting shot at Miami Marlins management after his stay with the team lasted only one tumultuous season.

The left-hander, who signed a four-year contract a year ago, was part of the blockbuster trade that also sent all-star shortstop Jose Reyes, right-hander Josh Johnson and two other players to the Toronto Blue Jays. With the deal, the Marlins pared \$146.5 million US in future payroll.

"I'm upset with how things turned out in Miami," Buehrle said in a statement issued

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NBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	8	2	.800	—
Miami	9	3	.750	—
Brooklyn	6	3	.667	11/2
Milwaukee	6	4	.600	2
Charlotte	6	4	.600	2
Atlanta	6	4	.600	2
Philadelphia	7	5	.583	2
Boston	6	6	.500	3
Indiana	6	7	.462	31/2
Chicago	5	6	.455	31/2
Orlando	4	7	.364	41/2
Cleveland	3	8	.273	51/2
<b>Toronto</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>.250</b>	<b>6</b>
Detroit	2	10	.167	7
Washington	0	10	.000	8

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	8	2	.800	—
San Antonio	9	3	.750	—
Oklahoma City	9	3	.750	—
L.A. Clippers	8	3	.727	1/2
L.A. Lakers	6	5	.545	21/2
Golden State	6	5	.545	21/2
Dallas	7	6	.538	21/2
Denver	6	6	.500	3
Minnesota	5	5	.500	3
Utah	6	6	.500	3
Portland	5	6	.455	31/2
Houston	5	7	.417	4
Phoenix	5	7	.417	4
New Orleans	3	7	.300	5
Sacramento	2	8	.200	6

Division leaders ranked in top four positions with the best eight teams qualifying for playoffs

**Wednesday's results**  
Indiana 115 New Orleans 107  
Cleveland 92 Philadelphia 83  
Orlando 90 Detroit 74  
Charlotte 98 **Toronto 97**  
San Antonio 112 Boston 100  
Miami 113 Milwaukee 106 (OT)  
Oklahoma City 117 L.A. Clippers 111 (OT)  
Atlanta 101 Washington 100 (OT)  
Houston 93 Chicago 89  
Denver 101 Minnesota 94  
Dallas 114 New York 111  
Phoenix 114 Portland 87  
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento  
Brooklyn at Golden State  
**Tuesday's results**  
Philadelphia 106 **Toronto 98**  
New York 102 New Orleans 80  
L.A. Lakers 95 Brooklyn 90  
**Friday's games — All Times Eastern**  
Cleveland at Orlando, 7 p.m.  
Atlanta at Charlotte, 7 p.m.  
Oklahoma City at Boston, 7:30 p.m.  
L.A. Clippers at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.  
**Toronto** at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
San Antonio at Indiana, 8 p.m.  
New York at Houston, 8 p.m.  
L.A. Lakers at Memphis, 8 p.m.  
Golden State at Denver, 9 p.m.  
Sacramento at Utah, 9 p.m.  
New Orleans at Phoenix, 9 p.m.  
Minnesota at Portland, 10 p.m.  
**Saturday, November 24**  
Oklahoma City at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
L.A. Clippers at Atlanta, 7 p.m.  
Charlotte at Washington, 7 p.m.  
Cleveland at Miami, 7:30 p.m.  
L.A. Lakers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
Chicago at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.  
Utah at Sacramento, 10 p.m.  
Minnesota at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

## NBA LEADERS

SCORING AVERAGE				
	G	FG	FT	PTS
Bryant, LAL	11	102	67	289
Durant, Okl	11	93	69	270
James, Mia	11	108	39	269
Harden, Hou	11	83	82	266
Anthony, NYK	9	79	47	218
Irving, Cle	10	82	47	229
Mayo, Dal	12	88	46	261
Ellis, Mil	9	74	37	193
Aldridge, Por	10	84	43	211
Batum, Por	10	72	33	208
Westbrook, Okl	11	81	50	226
Howard, LAL	11	81	61	223
Gay, Mem	10	77	36	200
Crawford, LAC	10	64	46	197
Bosh, Mia	11	79	57	216
<b>Derozan, Tor</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>214</b>
Pierce, Bos	11	67	58	212
Lillard, Por	10	68	30	190
Walker, Cha	9	62	41	169
Curry, GoS	11	71	40	206
Holiday, Phi	11	78	33	205
Williams, Bro	9	54	43	166
Lopez, Bro	9	68	29	165
Deng, Chi	10	70	34	181
Duncan, SA	11	76	45	198
Martin, Okl	11	55	54	194
Griffin, LAC	10	70	32	172
Monroe, Det	11	75	35	185
Randolph, Mem	10	66	35	167
Jennings, Mil	9	57	21	150
<b>Bargnani, Tor</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>184</b>
Sessions, Cha	9	49	46	149
Matthews, Por	10	58	26	164
Paul, LAC	10	56	43	163
Dragic, Pho	11	63	37	179
West, Ind	12	78	38	194
Anderson, NO	9	57	7	146
Smith, NYK	9	56	17	145
Lee, GoS	11	71	30	172
Horford, Atl	8	54	16	124

Not including last night's games

## BOBCATS 98 RAPTORS 97

**TORONTO (97)**  
McGuire 0-1 0-2 0, Bargnani 9-17 5-5 25,  
Valanciunas 8-11 0-0 16, Lowry 6-15 5-7  
21, DeRozan 6-13 2-3 14, Johnson 0-1 1-2 1,  
Calderon 2-8 1-1 7, Ross 5-9 0-0 11, Davis  
1-2 0-0 2, Kleiza 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 37-80  
14-20 97.  
**CHARLOTTE (98)**  
Kidd-Gilchrist 4-7 6-7 14, Mullens 4-14 2-4  
10, Haywood 2-4 2-2 6, Walker 8-16 2-3  
19, Taylor 4-8 2-2 11, Warrick 0-1 0-0 0,  
Biyombo 5-6 1-2 11, Sessions 5-19 4-4 14,  
Gordon 4-11 4-4 13. Totals 36-86 23-28 98.  
**Toronto 25 28 21 23—97**  
**Charlotte 22 31 22 23—98**  
3-Point Goals—Toronto 9-23 (Lowry 4-7,  
Bargnani 2-3, Calderon 2-6, Ross 1-4, Kleiza  
0-3), Charlotte 3-19 (Taylor 1-2, Walker 1-4,  
Gordon 1-5, Sessions 0-3, Mullens 0-5).  
Fouled Out—Valanciunas. Rebounds—To-  
ronto 46 (Valanciunas 10), Charlotte 58  
(Mullens, Biyombo 8). Assists—Toronto 23  
(Lowry 8), Charlotte 21 (Walker 7). Total  
Fouls—Toronto 25, Charlotte 21. Techni-  
cals—DeRozan, Taylor, Walker, Charlotte  
defensive three second.  
A—15,240 (19,077) at Charlotte.

## TRANSACTIONS

### MLB

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
**CHICAGO WHITE SOX** — Agreed to terms with OF Dewayne Wise on a one-year contract.  
**TORONTO BLUE JAYS** — Agreed to terms with OF Ricardo Nanita, 2B Jim Negrych, RHP Neil Wagner and LHP Alex Hinshaw on minor league contracts.  
**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
**ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS** — Selected the contracts of RHP Charles Brewer, RHP Chase Anderson, LHP Eury de la Rosa, RHP Eric Smith and OF Keon Broxton from Reno (PCL).  
**PITTSBURGH PIRATES** — Agreed to terms with RHP Brooks Brown, RHP Erik Cordier, OF Felix Pie, RHP David Bromberg, RHP Luis Sanz and INF Alex Valdez on minor league contracts.

### NBA

**BOSTON CELTICS** — Waived C Darko Milicic.

### NFL

**ARIZONA CARDINALS** — Released LB Jamaal Westernman and RB Jared Crank.  
Activated RB Beanie Wells from injured reserve.  
**BUFFALO BILLS** — Released C Reggie Stephens from the practice squad. Signed LB Greg Lloyd to the practice squad.  
**CHICAGO BEARS** — Placed G Chilo Rachal on the reserve/left squad list. Signed OL James Brown from the practice squad.  
**DENVER BRONCOS** — Placed RB Willis McGahee on recallable injured reserve.  
**DETROIT LIONS** — Released DT Jimmy Saddler-McQueen from the practice squad. Signed G Justin Boren to the practice squad.  
**INDIANAPOLIS COLTS** — Released G Justin Anderson. Released RB Alvester Alexander from the practice squad. Signed DB Marshay Green to the practice squad.  
**JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS** — Placed QB Blaine Gabbert and WR Laurent Robinson on injured reserve. Signed QB Jordan Palmer.  
**KANSAS CITY CHIEFS** — Signed PK Matt Szymanski to the practice squad.  
**MIAMI DOLPHINS** — Released WR Jabar Gaffney. Signed G Ryan Durand. Claimed TE Kyle Miller off waivers from Indianapolis.  
**MINNESOTA VIKINGS** — Named Jonathan Wilf vice president of strategic planning and business initiatives.  
**NEW ORLEANS SAINTS** — Released WR Greg Camarillo. Signed T Will Robinson.  
**OAKLAND RAIDERS** — Released LB Aaron Curry.  
**PITTSBURGH STEELERS** — Released RB Baron Batch and LB Marshall McFadden. Signed QB Brian Hoyer.  
**ST. LOUIS RAMS** — Released FB Brit Miller.  
**SAN DIEGO CHARGERS** — Released DE Logan Harrell from the practice squad.  
**SEATTLE SEAHAWKS** — Signed WR Charly Martin from the practice squad and WR Corbin Louks to the practice squad.  
**TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS** — Released LB Joe Holland from the practice squad.

### HOCKEY

**NHL**  
**WASHINGTON CAPITALS** — Assigned F Stanislas Galiev from Hershey (AHL) to Reading (ECHL).  
**AHL**  
**HERSHEY BEARS** — Loaned F Barry Almeida to Reading (ECHL).  
**ECHL**  
**ECHL** — Fined the Alaska Aces an undisclosed amount for a roster limit violation.  
**SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS** — Traded G Shawn Hunwick to Utah for future considerations.  
**CHL**  
**ARIZONA SUNDOGS** — Signed F Don Maloney Jr.

### NLL

**BUFFALO BANDITS** — Agreed to terms with G Anthony Cosmo on a one-year contract.

### MLS

**D.C. UNITED** — Terminated the contract of M Branko Boskovic by mutual agreement.  
**FC DALLAS** — Announced the retirement of M Daniel Hernandez.

### SOCCER

#### MLS CUP

**Saturday, Dec. 1 — All Times Eastern**  
Houston vs. Los Angeles, 4:30 p.m.

#### UEFA

**CHAMPIONS LEAGUE**  
**GROUP STAGE**  
**Tuesday's results**  
**Wednesday's results**  
**Group A**  
Paris Saint-Germain 2 Dinamo Kiev 0  
Porto 3 Dinamo Zagreb 0  
**Group B**  
Arsenal 2 Montpellier 0  
Schalke 1 Olimpiakos 0  
**Group C**  
Zenit St. Petersburg 2 Malaga 2  
AC Milan 3 Anderlecht 1  
**Group D**  
Borussia Dortmund 4 Ajax 1  
Manchester City 1 Real Madrid 1

#### CFL

#### PLAYOFFS

#### DIVISION FINALS

**Sunday's results**

##### EAST DIVISION

Toronto 27 Montreal 20

##### WEST DIVISION

Calgary 34 B.C. 29

#### 100TH GREY CUP

**Sunday's game — All Times Eastern**  
**At Toronto**  
Toronto vs. Calgary, 6 p.m.

#### CIS FOOTBALL

#### 48TH VANIER CUP

**At Toronto**  
**Friday's game — All Times Eastern**  
Laval vs. McMaster, 7:30 p.m.

### NFL

#### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	3	0	.700	358	225
N.Y. Jets	4	6	0	.400	202	241
Miami	4	6	0	.400	187	205
Buffalo	4	6	0	.400	230	299
SOUTH						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	9	1	0	.900	293	180
Indianapolis	6	4	0	.600	210	260
Tennessee	4	6	0	.400	219	311
Jacksonville	1	9	0	.100	164	289
NORTH						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	8	2	0	.800	267	206
Pittsburgh	6	4	0	.600	217	190
Cincinnati	5	5	0	.500	248	237
Cleveland	2	8	0	.200	189	234

WEST						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	7	3	0	.700	301	212
San Diego	4	6	0	.400	232	221
Oakland	3	7	0	.300	208	322
Kansas City	1	9	0	.100	152	284

#### WEEK 11

**Monday's result**  
San Francisco 32 Chicago 7

#### Sunday's results

Dallas 23 Cleveland 20  
N.Y. Jets 27 St. Louis 13  
Cincinnati 28 Kansas City 6  
Atlanta 23 Arizona 19  
Houston 43 Jacksonville 37  
Washington 31 Philadelphia 6  
Green Bay 24 Detroit 20  
Tampa Bay 27 Carolina 21  
New Orleans 38 Oakland 17  
New England 59 Indianapolis 24  
Denver 30 San Diego 23  
Baltimore 13 Pittsburgh 10

### AHL

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt	
Manchester	15	8	6	0	1	40	33	17	
Worcester	15	7	6	1	1	40	46	16	
St. John's	17	8	9	0	0	38	50	16	
Portland	15	6	7	1	1	47	49	14	
Providence	14	6	7	0	1	30	40	13	

#### EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt	
Syracuse	14	10	2	1	1	54	38	22	
W-B/Scranton	16	9	7	0	0	41	35	18	
Binghamton	13	7	4	1	1	34	34	16	
Norfolk	15	7	8	0	0	45	51	14	
Hershey	16	6	9	1	0	39	48	13	

#### NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt	
Springfield	14	10	2	0	2	49	23	22	
Bridgeport	15	10	5	0	0	50	44	20	
Adirondack	15	7	8	0	0	39	45	14	
Connecticut	14	6	7	1	0	43	48	13	
Albany	13	4	5	0	4	30	35	12	

**Wednesday's results**  
Hamilton 2 St. John's 1  
W-B/Scranton 4 Hershey 0  
Adirondack 5 Bridgeport 1  
Charlotte 5 Norfolk 2  
Rockford 5 Peoria 4  
Oklahoma City 6 Texas 4

#### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	6	4	0	.600	267	216
Dallas	5	5	0	.500	211	224
Washington	4	6	0	.400	257	254
Philadelphia	3	7	0	.300	162	252
SOUTH						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	9	1	0	.900	270	193
Tampa Bay	6	4	0	.600	287	200
New Orleans	5	5	0	.500	287	273
Carolina	2	8	0	.200	184	243
NORTH						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	7	3	0	.700	249	165
Green Bay	7	3	0	.700	263	207
Minnesota	6	4	0	.600	238	221
Detroit	4	6	0	.400	236	246

WEST						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	7	2	1	.750	245	134
Seattle	6	4	0	.600	198	161
Arizona	4	6	0	.400	163	196
St. Louis	3	6	1	.350	174	237

#### WEEK 12

**Thursday's games — All Times Eastern**  
Houston at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.  
Washington at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.  
New England at N.Y. Jets, 8:20 p.m.  
**Sunday's games**  
Seattle at Miami, 1 p.m.  
Oakland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.  
Buffalo at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 1 p.m.  
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.  
Denver at Kansas City, 1 p.m.  
Minnesota at Chicago, 1 p.m.  
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.  
Baltimore at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.  
San Francisco at New Orleans, 4:25 p.m.  
St. Louis at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.  
Green Bay at N.Y. Giants, 8:20 p.m.

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

MIDWEST DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	P	
Grand Rapids	14	8	4	1	1	52	46	18	
Chicago	15	8	5	2	0	43	46	18	
Rockford	16	7	8	0	1	48	52	15	
Milwaukee	15	6	8	1	0	40	46	13	
Peoria	16	5	8	2	1	37	58	13	



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## Horoscopes

### Aries

March 21 - April 20

Flattery will come easily to you today but you must use it with care. Your way with words may be able to win others over to your side but do you really want everyone knowing what you are up to? Think about it.

### Taurus

April 21 - May 21

If you need to connect with someone you have drifted apart from recently, now is the time to make your move. Don't wait for them to approach you, pick up the phone or knock on their door and say "Hi!"

### Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You have been worrying for no good reason and what takes place over the next few days will remind you just how fortunate you truly are. Once your mind is in a better place, your physical health will improve as well.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Use your imagination and follow your dream, wherever it might lead. Some people may say you have taken leave of your senses, but more likely the opposite is true: You have at last found your true calling.

### Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

The Sun in Sagittarius gives you bags of self-confidence and you must use it today to help a loved one or friend get over some kind of loss or trauma. The best way to do that is to make them laugh.

### Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Don't try to keep your feelings to yourself. Let the whole world know why you are so full of love and laughter. Most likely it's because you have finally realized that life is supposed to be enjoyed, not dreaded.

### Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

There is someone in your life you need to pay a lot more attention to. You know who this someone is and you know it is your responsibility to reach out to them. So what are you waiting for? Do it now.

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

The Sun may have moved out of your birth sign but today Venus, planet of emotional and material values, moves in, which is not a bad swap. Who and what do you truly value? Make sure you don't lose them.

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You feel good about yourself now but how do you feel about other people? You may have reason to believe that certain individuals don't deserve your friendship, but why make an issue of it? Forgive, forget and move on.

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Give your mind and your body a rest today, and let others do the heavy lifting for a change. Friendships are under excellent stars now, so why not have fun with your friends? Laughter is always the best medicine.

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Someone will ask you for advice today and you will be happy to give it, but do they really want to know the truth? If what you have to tell them is not what they want to hear, it could cause a falling out.

### Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Steer clear of subjects and situations that could lead to conflict. That is especially important on the work front where, if you speak your mind, you could make a powerful enemy. Not everyone wants to hear the truth. **SALLY BROMPTON**

## Crossword

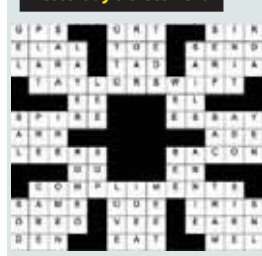
### Across

1. Children's game
4. Decide on
7. Rich tasty dinner
11. Small inlets
13. Prefix meaning recent
14. Roof gutter
15. Spat
17. Cat or dog
18. Egyptian Sun God
19. Cattle
22. Moves slightly
26. Bible pt.
27. Danson of Cheers
28. Mate for Ma
30. Highway exits
34. Spanish cheer
35. AM or FM instrument
37. Served at Archie Bunker's Place
38. Fridge maker
40. Type measure
41. Meadow
42. Roman two
43. Basement
46. Fashion designer McCartney
50. First two vowels in a sequence
51. Blue Bloods actor Selleck
52. Microbes
58. Ticklish muppet
60. Pitcher's stat.
61. Vampire novelist: Anne —
62. Cruel or nasty
63. Served with crumpets
64. Actor James Van — Beek

### Down

1. — la la
2. Atmosphere
3. Joke
4. — Tree Hill
5. Writing implement

## Yesterday's Crossword



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## Yesterday's Sudoku

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6	9	3	8	1	5	2	4	7
5	7	4	6	2	9	8	1	3
2	5	9	1	4	6	7	3	8
4	8	7	5	3	2	6	9	1
3	6	1	7	9	8	5	2	4
7	1	5	9	6	4	3	8	2
9	4	2	3	8	7	1	6	5
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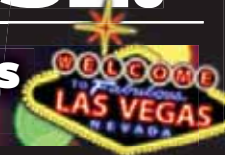


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